

1 [Honoring Bidu Sayao]

2 HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LEGENDARY SOPRANO, BIDU SAYAO.

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4 WHEREAS, Beloved Brazilian soprano Bidu Sayao has died at the age of 94; and,

5 WHEREAS, Bidu Sayou made the San Francisco Opera her West Coast musical  
6 home; and,

7 WHEREAS, During three decades on the San Francisco Opera stage she left  
8 memorable portrayals of her greatest roles in the hearts and minds of her adoring public; and,

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco audiences were treated to her radiant personality and  
10 silvery tones in such roles as Mimi, Rosina, Susanna, Manon, Norina, Violetta, Juliette,  
11 Melisande, Adina, and Zerlina; and,

12 WHEREAS, During World War II Sayao sang for wounded soldiers returning from  
13 battle; and,

14 WHEREAS, Sayao adopted the United States as her home country and became a  
15 citizen in 1959; and,

16 WHEREAS, The ever-effervescent Sayao returned from a near-fatal stroke in 1993 to  
17 a triumphant reception at the Carnival parade in Rio de Janeiro in 1995; and,

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Opera plans on honoring Bidu Sayao during the Fall  
19 Season; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
21 honors the life of Bidu Sayao and joins the San Francisco Opera in honoring her spirit, her  
22 great talent, and her life; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lofti Mansouri,  
24 General Manager of the San Francisco Opera and to Josè Lindgren Alves, the Brazilian  
25 Consul General in San Francisco.



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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution honoring the life of the legendary soprano, Bidu Sayao.

March 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 22, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.