

1 [Commending Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd for his**
4 **distinguished service as a Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd has served the people of the City and
7 County of San Francisco with dedication for twelve years as a legislative aide to former
8 Supervisor Tony Hall, as Mayor Gavin Newsom’s Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, and as
9 a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Elsbernd has attended five hundred and two (502) of the five
11 hundred and five (505) Board meetings held since January 8, 2001, missing only three
12 meetings for a Sister City trip to Ireland, his honeymoon, and the birth of his son; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed Supervisor Elsbernd to the Board of
14 Supervisors, representing the neighborhoods in which he was born and raised, on August 5,
15 2004; and, he was subsequently reelected in November 2004 and November 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Elsbernd spearheaded the restoration of Harding Park Golf
17 Course, and negotiated with the PGA to bring the 2005 American Express World Golf
18 Championship, the 2009 President’s Cup, the 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015 Charles Schwab
19 Championship Cups, and two future PGA Championship-level events to San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2005, Supervisor Elsbernd, in conjunction with Controller Ben
21 Rosenfield, authored legislation creating the Capital Planning Committee, the mandate to
22 adopt a 10-year Capital Plan for the City and County of San Francisco, and the requirement
23 that no new GO bonds could be passed until old ones expired; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In 2010, Supervisor Elsbernd set his sights on reforming Muni, collecting
2 more petition signatures than any other victorious petition drive in the history of San Francisco
3 campaigns, and passed Proposition G with over 65% of the vote; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure on the Board, Supervisor Elsbernd demonstrated
5 leadership in the areas of the City's post employment benefit costs as a member of the City's
6 Health Service Board, and as one of the longest serving Supervisor members of the
7 Retirement Board in the City's history, resulting in the passage of June 2008's Proposition B,
8 June 2010's Proposition D, and November 2011's Proposition C – all Charter Amendments
9 authored by Supervisor Elsbernd; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Elsbernd shepherded the legislative efforts to responsibly
11 transform the west side of San Francisco through the Parkmerced redevelopment project; and

12 WHEREAS, In his charitable work, Supervisor Elsbernd raised over \$500,000 through
13 his annual Crab Fest fundraiser for the Laguna Honda Foundation, Janet Pomeroy Center,
14 Irish Immigration Pastoral Center, and the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the officers, employees, and
17 residents of this City, recognizes Supervisor Elsbernd's vast contributions to improving this
18 City, his commitment to service under the Ignatian credos of "being a man for others" and "to
19 whom much is given, much is expected," and affirms that his intellect, sense of humor,
20 passion, high quality work, and tireless devotion to solve and be responsive to his
21 constituents' issues and concerns will be greatly missed by all; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered
23 to Supervisor Sean R. Elsbernd as a token of the affection and respect in which he is held by
24 the Board of Supervisors, and to express to him their appreciation for his service, their thanks
25 for his presence, and their high hopes for his future.