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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Food Bank administers the CSFP program and  
9 provides a monthly food box from the United States Department of Agriculture to 9,600 people  
10 in San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, The program serves a majority of low-income seniors in San Francisco;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Every food box is filled with nutritious foods seniors need to maintain their  
14 health, like canned tuna and chicken, cheese, rice, cereal, fruits and vegetables; and

15 WHEREAS, Last year 900 low-income seniors in San Francisco were cut from the  
16 program as Congress approved cuts to the program and the United States Department of  
17 Agriculture increased the cost of the food but not the funding; and,

18 WHEREAS, Participants in the program must have a monthly income below \$1,100 to  
19 qualify for CSFP; and

20 WHEREAS, The CSFP program is cost-effective, with the food box valued at \$50 yet  
21 costing the United States Department of Agriculture only \$16 per box; and

22 WHEREAS, CSFP is the only federal commodity program that provides participants  
23 with a nutritionally balanced food source each month; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Bush Administration has proposed to completely eliminate the  
2 program in the coming fiscal year and the U.S. Department of Agriculture has not included  
3 CSFP in the reauthorization of the 2007 Farm Bill; and

4           WHEREAS, This program helped feed more than 500,000 low income seniors each  
5 month last year across the country and more than 53,000 seniors per month in California  
6 alone; and

7           WHEREAS, This supplemental food program has been in effect for more than two  
8 decades; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States  
10 Congress to restore full funding of \$157 Million to the Commodity Supplemental Food  
11 Program.