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[Rev. Jimmy Creech]

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STANDING UP FOR LESBIAN AND GAY MEMBERS OF HIS CONGREGATION WHO

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE REV. JIMMY CREECH FOR HIS BRAVERY IN

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WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church maintains a ban on same sex marriages within the Church and has threatened to penalize ministers who conduct such marriages; and,

WHEREAS, Three years ago, despite this ban, Rev. Jimmy Creech chose to conduct a same sex marriage ceremony within his church which is part of the United Methodist Congregation; and,

WHEREAS, After it took place, the United Methodist Church held hearings on the ceremony, and later a jury of 13 Nebraska ministers of the church ordered that Rev. Creech should be defrocked for performing the ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout this trying period, Rev. Creech has stood firm in his defense of dignity and respect for lesbians and gay men, despite the risks to his security as a minister of his church, and he has been willing to take enormous risks in defense of the principle of spiritual equality for all; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Creech should be recognized as a leader within communities of faith who has taught us that despite serious threats and potential for consequences, people of faith should be judged by their faith, not by their sexual orientation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends the Rev. Jimmy Creech for his bravery in standing up for lesbian and gay members of his congregation who choose to marry.



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Date Passed: File Number: 992169 Resolution commending the Rev. Jimmy Creech for his bravery in standing up for lesbian and gay members of his congregation who choose to marry. December 6, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee File No. 992169 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 6, 1999 by the **Board of Supervisors of the City and County** of San Francisco. Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved