

1 [Denouncing the Deportation of Shing Ma “Steve” Li and Urging Congress to Pass the
2 DREAM Act]

3 **Resolution denouncing the deportation of Shing Ma “Steve” Li, a DREAM Act student**
4 **at City College of San Francisco, calling for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to**
5 **grant him deferred action status, and urging Congress to pass the DREAM Act.**
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7 WHEREAS, The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act is
8 bipartisan legislation that addresses the situation faced by young people who were brought to
9 the United States years ago as undocumented immigrant children and who have since grown
10 up here, stayed in school, and kept out of trouble; and,

11 WHEREAS, Each year 65,000 United States-raised students who qualify for the
12 DREAM Act’s benefits graduate from high school; and,

13 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2010, Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin (D-IL)
14 and Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), asked the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
15 Secretary Janet Napolitano, to halt the deportation of immigrant students who could earn
16 legal status under the DREAM Act; and,

17 WHEREAS, The DREAM Act has the support of the House and Senate leadership, all
18 of the relevant committees chairs, as well as our nation’s military leaders including the former
19 secretary of state, General Colin Powell; and,

20 WHEREAS, On September 15, 2010, President Barack Obama, before the
21 Congressional Hispanic Caucus, expressed his full support of the DREAM Act stating, “I will
22 do whatever it takes to support the efforts to pass this bill so that I can sign it into law on
23 behalf of students seeking a college education and those who wish to serve in our country’s
24 uniform. It’s the right thing to do.”; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Shing Ma “Steve” Li is a junior at City College of San Francisco and
2 aspires to be a health care worker serving communities in the Bay Area. He graduated from
3 George Washington High School where he was an editor and reporter for the school
4 newspaper, and was on the track and cross country team. He is scheduled to graduate from
5 City College in Spring 2011; and,

6 WHEREAS, Shing Ma “Steve” Li entered the United States with his family when he
7 was about 12 years old. He was ordered removed from the United States to Peru when he
8 was 14-years old. He had no knowledge of the deportation, because he was a derivative
9 beneficiary of his mother’s political asylum application. When the Immigration Judge denied
10 his mother immigration status, the decision effectively denied him status in the United States
11 while he was a minor. He was never informed that he was a fugitive in the United States;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, Shing Ma “Steve” Li was arrested along with his parents pursuant to an
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement directive called the Fugitive Operations Program.
15 The Program was intended to target dangerous fugitive immigrants, but instead, it has swept
16 up young undocumented children who never knew they had been ordered removed. The
17 Fugitive Operations Program does not serve any national security purpose; and,

18 WHEREAS, Shing Ma “Steve” Li is DREAM Act eligible, and his deportation to Peru
19 should be halted; and,

20 WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement should grant his application for
21 deferred action and allow him to remain in the United States; and,

22 WHEREAS, Deporting DREAM Act children is unfair and a violation of their
23 constitutional rights. While the immigration system is broken, deporting immigrant children is
24 not the answer; and,

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1 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the support of the
2 community at City College of San Francisco including his mentors, classmates and
3 professors, the Asian Law Caucus, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and the Asian Pacific
4 American community. In less than one week, the community has called, emailed, and written
5 over 500 letters to Senator Dianne Feinstein and Speaker Nancy Pelosi asking that they
6 speak out against the deportation of Shing Ma “Steve” Li: now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That unless the DREAM Act is passed by Congress, all deportation of
8 immigrant children should be stopped; and, be it

9 RESOLVED, That unless the DREAM Act is passed, Shing Ma “Steve” Li should be
10 released from ICE custody, returned to his mother and family in San Francisco, and be
11 allowed to remain in the United States under the deferred action plan; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges that until
13 Congress passes the DREAM Act, and that Senator Feinstein or Senator Boxer issue a
14 private bill on behalf of Shing Ma “Steve” Li.