

1 [Commending Judge Donaldson]
2 COMMENDING JUDGE DONALDSON FOR HIS SIXTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS A
3 MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND FOR BEING THE FIRST OPENLY GAY MAN ON THE
4 SAN FRANCISCO BENCH.

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6 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson has served on the Municipal Court of San
7 Francisco for sixteen years; and,

8 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson was the first openly gay man to serve on the San
9 Francisco bench at a time when he was one of only four openly gay Judges in the country;
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11 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson admirably served the United States in the Navy
12 during World War II and the Korean Conflict; and,

13 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson tirelessly advocated for and protected the civil
14 rights of gay San Franciscans at a time when San Francisco's gay citizens routinely faced
15 harassment and abuse from law enforcement officials and the citizenry at large; and,

16 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson has rejected the opportunity to ascend to the
17 Superior Court when it has been offered to him, preferring a caseload before his court which
18 is indicative of citizens' common concerns; and,

19 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson co-founded with his life partner, Jim Hardcastle,
20 San Francisco's first gourmet coffee roastery, Capricorn Coffees; and,

21 WHEREAS, Judge Herb Donaldson demonstrated a prudent, enlightened, and highly
22 appropriate demeanor during his tenure on the bench, for which the City and County of San
23 Francisco is profoundly grateful; now, therefore, be it

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SUPERVISORS
LENO , BIERMAN, KATZ, NEWSOM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 commends Judge Herb Donaldson for being the first openly gay man to serve on the
3 Municipal Court; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco commends Judge Herb Donaldson for his sixteen years of service to the Municipal
6 Court of San Francisco.

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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution commending Judge Donaldson for his sixteen years of service as a Municipal Court Judge and for being the first openly gay man on the San Francisco Bench.

February 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 February 22, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.