

1 [Recognition of National Black Family Technology Awareness Week.]

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3 **Resolution recognizing February 13-19, 2005 as National Black Family Technology**
4 **Awareness Week and commending IBM, the Career Communications Group and its**
5 **local partners at the San Francisco Unified School District in hosting a Family**
6 **Technology Night to highlight this issue.**

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8 WHEREAS, February 13-19, 2005 is recognized as National Black Family Technology
9 Awareness Week, which is a national public awareness campaign that aims to communicate
10 with the African American community about the value of technology in daily life and its
11 importance in education and career preparation; and

12 WHEREAS, February is Black History Month, which is the ideal time for bringing
13 attention to issues such as bridging the Digital Divide to ensure equality and education and
14 career opportunities for all; and,

15 WHEREAS, Access to technology in communities of color is the strongest contributor
16 in creating the Digital Divide; and,

17 WHEREAS, In recognizing the need to provide access to technology in communities of
18 color, IBM is a national and founding sponsor of National Black Family Technology
19 Awareness Week for its six consecutive year; and,

20 WHEREAS, On Thursday, February 24, 2005, IBM will be working with the three
21 Dream Schools-Charles Drew, 21st Century Academy and Gloria R. Davis, Thurgood Marshall
22 High and the three neighbor elementary schools- George Washington Carver, Malcolm X and
23 Bret Harte are hosting workshops addressing this topic, and,

24 WHEREAS, IBM's efforts in supporting this week is part of its overall philanthropic
25 focus on K-12 education; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes February 13-19,
2 2005 as National Black Family Technology Awareness Week; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commends IBM, the Career Communications
4 Group and its local partners at the San Francisco Unified School District and Zeum in hosting
5 forums to highlight this issue.

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