

1 [Penalties for assaulting or battering a patrol special officer.]

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3 **Resolution encouraging the Chief of the San Francisco Police Department to consider**
4 **imposition of increased potential penalties for individuals who commit assault or**
5 **battery on a patrol special police officer.**

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7 WHEREAS, patrol special officers are regulated by the Police Commission and the
8 Chief of the San Francisco Police Department as determined by the San Francisco Charter
9 and the California Penal Code; and

10 WHEREAS, patrol special officers patrol certain beats and territories to maintain and
11 improve public safety; and

12 WHEREAS, patrol special officers risk being deliberately assaulted or battered in the
13 course of their work and victims merit special consideration when imposing a sentence so as
14 to display condemnation for violent crime; and

15 WHEREAS, numerous sections of state and local penal law provide increased potential
16 penalties for certain occupations when employees are victims of assault or battery during their
17 work including, for example, emergency medical technicians, peace officers, nurses, traffic
18 officers and more; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco encourages the appropriate
20 governing authorities take the necessary steps to increase the potential penalties for those
21 who commit assaults or batteries on patrol special officers while the patrol special officers are
22 acting within the limited scope of their duty; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Chief of Police
24 and Police Commission.