

1 [Supporting the Agricultural Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits and Security Act of 2003, Bill H.R.
2 3142 and Senate Bill S.1645]

3 **Resolution urging 108th U.S Congress to pass the AgJobs Act of 2003 for seasonal**
4 **immigrant farm workers.**

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6 WHEREAS, More than 250,000 seasonal immigrant farm workers help to sustain
7 California’s agricultural economy by laboring in one of our nation’s hardest and lowest paid
8 jobs; and,

9 WHEREAS, Currently, a great number of these taxpaying workers are undocumented,
10 have no legal recourse, and are frequently subjected to substandard working conditions that
11 foster pesticide poisoning, cancer, and birth defects; and,

12 WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives Bill H.R.3142, and Senate Bill
13 S.1645, known as the AgJobs Act of 2003, will stabilize the farm industry for employers, and
14 allow temporary immigrant workers to secure permanent resident status based on three to six
15 years of service in agricultural jobs; and,

16 WHEREAS, This Act would allow seasonal immigrant farm workers access to
17 important job protections because the nature of their work is very physically demanding and
18 can be dangerous; and,

19 WHEREAS, The United Farm Workers Union and a coalition of several agricultural
20 employers support the AgJobs Act of 2003; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 hereby strongly urge the 108th Congress to pass the AgJobs Act of 2003 during the current
23 session and provide seasonal farm workers in California and across the nation the rights they
24 deserve for all they contribute to our nation’s agricultural industries.

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