

1 [Commending Judge Quentin L. Kopp on his appointment to the California High Speed Rail
2 Authority.]

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4 **Resolution commending Judge Quentin L. Kopp on his appointment to the California**
5 **High Speed Rail Authority and supporting the work of the Authority to build a high-**
6 **speed rail system in California.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Honorable Quentin Kopp is a citizen and former elected official
9 residing in San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Kopp's election in 1986 represented election of the first non-
11 incumbent Independent to the legislature since 1844, his re-election in 1990 constituted the
12 first time an Independent was re-elected to the legislature in the history of California. That
13 historic milestone was reiterated by his re-election as an Independent to a third term in the
14 State Senate in 1994; and,

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16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors have repeatedly expressed their
17 support for building a 770-mile high speed rail system between San Francisco and Los
18 Angeles as a safe, reliable, transportation option for Californians; and,

19 WHEREAS, A high speed rail system environmental, social and technological benefits
20 are numerous, including decreased dependence on foreign petroleum, decreased energy use,
21 decreased emissions of air pollutants, decreased suburban sprawl, decreased impacts to
22 wetlands and biological resources compared to highway and airport expansions; and,

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24 WHEREAS, As author of the 1993 SCA6 (Kopp) and 1996 SB1420 (Kopp) establishing
25 the legislation to study the feasibility of high-speed rail and creating the California High Speed

1 Rail Authority, and as former Chair of the powerful Senate Transportation Committee and a
2 local and state legislator for 27 years, Judge Kopp is uniquely qualified to serve in a
3 leadership position on the Authority to catapult the project forward to voters in 2008; now,
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commend Judge Kopp on
6 his appointment, and wish him every success in his new position to provide Californians with a
7 feasible, and needed transportation alternative, a viable high speed rail system for the Golden
8 State.
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