

1 [General Motors Saturn Unit]

2 COMMENDING GENERAL MOTORS FOR APPOINTING CYNTHIA M. TRUDELL TO HEAD  
3 ITS SATURN UNIT.

4 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to gender parity within the  
5 workforce; and,

6 WHEREAS, The car industry has long been criticized as having a dearth of women and  
7 minorities in top management; and,

8 WHEREAS, General Motors' Saturn division appointed Cynthia M. Trudell to become  
9 chairperson and president, beginning January 1, 1999; and,

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Trudell is currently the president of IBC Vehicles, a G.M. subsidiary in Luton,  
11 England, that makes Frontera sport utility; and,

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Trudell is one of the industry's very few female executives who has spent a lot  
13 of time in factories; and,

14 WHEREAS, She earned her doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Windsor in  
15 Ontario; and,

16 WHEREAS, From 1981 through 1990, she worked as a senior engineering supervisor,  
17 superintendent of manufacturing, manufacturing engineering manager and finally operations manager at  
18 G.M.'s huge transmission factory in Ypsilanti, Michigan; in the early 1990's, she worked on future  
19 engine technologies and ran an engine factory and foundry in Canada; from 1995 until last year, she ran  
20 the assembly plant in Wilmington, Delaware; and,

21 WHEREAS, Until now, full-fledged car divisions like Saturn with their own manufacturing and  
22 marketing operations have been led only by men at auto makers in the United States and overseas; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco does hereby commend General Motors for  
25 appointing Cynthia M. Trudell as the first woman to head a major car division; and be it

SUPERVISORS  
\*\*GAVIN NEWSOM\*\*, MEDINA, YAKI  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 FURTHUR RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby request that a copy  
2 of this resolution be sent to Saturn Corporation, Attention: Greg Martin, 100 Saturn Parkway, Maildrop  
3 B-20, Spring Hill, Tennessee.  
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Resolution commending General Motors for appointing Cynthia M. Trudell to head its Saturn unit.

January 5, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom,  
Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on January 5, 1999 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

JAN - 8 1999

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.