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3 **Resolution commending Gail Wilson and City Swing for over two decades of**

4 **entertainment and commitment to the LGBT community.**

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6   WHEREAS, Gail Wilson has been a treasured part of the LGBT arts scene in San

7 Francisco for more than 20 years; and

8   WHEREAS, Gail Wilson is the recipient of two Cable Car Awards: the Dorothy

9 Langston Human Rights Award and the Entertainer of the Year Award; and has emceed the

10 Cable Car Awards banquet, and performed with City Swing as the house band for this annual

11 event for over a decade; and

12   WHEREAS Dubbed "the Nightingale of the Court" by Imperial Court founder and LGBT

13 rights activist Jose Sarria, Gail has performed for the annual Widow Norton Ceremony at

14 Woodlawn Cemetery for 15 years; and

15   WHEREAS, Gail Wilson first debuted with City Swing at the very first Dance-Along

16 Nutcracker® in 1985; and

17   WHEREAS, Along with a resume of regular dance and fundraising events, City Swing

18 has performed for a wide array of special invitation events; and

19   WHEREAS, In 1986, the band was honored to be declared by the Board of Supervisors

20 the City of San Francisco's "Goodwill Ambassadors" to the 1986 World Expo in Vancouver;

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22   WHEREAS, In 1988, City Swing performed at City Hall for the Mayor's Inaugural Ball,

23 and in 2000, City Swing was flown to Palm Springs as the centerpiece of a gala benefit for the

24 AIDS Assistance Program; and

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1   WHEREAS, In 2001, City Swing performed on the top deck of the U.S.S. Jeremiah

2   O'Brien, providing WWII-era music for this National Liberty Ship Memorial on its annual Fleet

3   Week cruise on the Bay; and

4   WHEREAS, In 2005, City Swing performed as the house band for the 40th Anniversary

5   Ball of the Imperial Court of San Francisco; now, therefore be it

6   RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, commends Gail Wilson

7   and City Swing for over two decades of entertainment and commitment to the LGBT

8   community.

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