

1 [Condemning House Concurrent Resolution 9]

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3 **Resolution condemning the passage of “Red-Baiting” House Concurrent Resolution 9,**
4 **and urging Congress not to engage in, vote for, or otherwise support fearmongering**
5 **and red-baiting by the federal government.**
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7 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2023, Republican Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) introduced
8 House Concurrent Resolution 9 (“the Resolution”), “Denouncing the Horrors of Socialism,” in
9 the United States House of Representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, On February 1, 2023, the Resolution passed by a bipartisan vote of 328-
11 86; and

12 WHEREAS, The Resolution inaccurately attributed several atrocities to socialism and
13 socialist ideals; and

14 WHEREAS, The Resolution cites a litany of “socialist ideologues” and claims that
15 “socialism has repeatedly led to famine and mass murders, and the killing of over
16 100,000,000 people worldwide”; and

17 WHEREAS, The Resolution states that “Congress denounces socialism in all its forms,
18 and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America”; and

19 WHEREAS, Red-baiting is defined as the act of harassing or persecuting someone on
20 account of known or suspected sympathies for communist, socialist, or similar left-aligned
21 ideologies; and

22 WHEREAS, Red-baiting has historically been used in the United States of America to
23 disenfranchise, silence, and jail people for political and anti-worker purposes; and
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1 WHEREAS, Socialism has deep roots all over the world, and socialist ideas have
2 motivated many leaders to seek better conditions for our most vulnerable residents in the
3 United States and worldwide; and

4 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., Angela Davis, Bayard Rustin, W.E.B. Du Bois,
5 Mother Jones, Dorothy Day, Paul Robeson, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Cesar
6 Chavez, and countless other celebrated leaders were unapologetic about their socialist ideals;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, It is often stated that San Francisco is a union town, with a rich tradition of
9 socialist organizing that lives on to the present in the struggle for workers' rights; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States has implemented various essential programs and
11 changes to its laws based on socialist ideals, including public housing, public education,
12 public libraries, the United States Postal Service, Medicare, and other similar programs; and

13 WHEREAS, It is a disservice to the legacies of socialist leaders, workers, and socialist-
14 inspired programs that exist today to allow this type of misleading redbaiting to permeate once
15 again through the Capitol; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ("the Board") condemns
17 House Concurrent Resolution 9; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges Congress not to engage in, vote for, or
19 otherwise support fearmongering and red-baiting; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on Congress, President Joe Biden, and
21 Vice President Kamala Harris to stand against red-baiting by the federal government; and, be
22 it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board will send a copy of this Resolution
24 to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Kevin Mullin, Senator Dianne Feinstein,
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1 Senator Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris upon its
2 passage.