

1 [Commemorating the Gene Compton's Cafeteria Riot of 1966]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the 1966 Gene Compton's Cafeteria Riot as a significant event**
4 **in the history of San Francisco and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Civil**
5 **Rights Movement.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1966 at the Gene Compton's Cafeteria in the Tenderloin transgender
8 people rose up in anger against years of harassment at the hands of the San Francisco
9 police department; and

10 WHEREAS, The ensuing riot, brought to light in Victor Silverman and Susan Stryker's
11 documentary *Screaming Queens*, marked the first known instance of collective, militant,
12 queer resistance to the social oppression of transgender people in United States history,
13 three years before the riots at New York City's Stonewall Inn; and

14 WHEREAS, To this very day, when transgender people face housing, employment and
15 many other forms of discrimination, the Compton's Cafeteria Riot underscores the social cost
16 of the continued oppression and marginalization of transgender people;

17 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2006, San Franciscans will participate in a series of
18 community-organized events to commemorate the 40th anniversary of this milestone event;
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20 WHEREAS, The goals of these commemorations are to celebrate transgender history
21 and recognize community leaders and allies, inspire and mobilize a new generation of LGBT
22 community activists, and bring awareness of transgender challenges and accomplishments to
23 a broader audience; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commemorates the Gene
25 Compton's Cafeteria Riot on its 40th anniversary; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the
2 event and site as significant in the history of the LGBT civil rights movement; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
4 Department of Public Works installing a plaque to commemorate the event at an appropriate
5 area at the site.

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