

1 [Mount Davidson Commendation.]

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3 **Resolution commending The City Attorney's Office, including Deputy City Attorneys**  
4 **Teresa Stricker, Ellen Forman, Kate Stacy and Mariam Morley, Former Deputy City**  
5 **Attorneys Mara Rosales, Peter Obstler and Elizabeth Dietrich for their successful**  
6 **efforts to defend the sale of the cross on Mount Davidson and the Council of Armenian**  
7 **American Organizations of Northern California for their successful efforts to preserve**  
8 **the cross on Mount Davidson as a memorial to the Armenian Genocide.**

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10 WHEREAS, Since 1990, the City and County of San Francisco has been litigating  
11 issues surrounding the cross on Mount Davidson; and,

12 WHEREAS, In November 1997 in an attempt to settle the litigation, the voters of San  
13 Francisco overwhelmingly approved Proposition F which authorized the City to sell the land  
14 on Mt. Davidson on which the cross is located to the highest bidder; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Council of Armenian American Organizations of Northern California  
16 was the successful bidder and has preserved the cross on Mount Davidson as a memorial to  
17 the Armenian Genocide; and,

18 WHEREAS, Subsequent to this voter approval and successful sale, litigation continued  
19 until April 28, 2003 when the Supreme Court of the United States refused to hear the case,  
20 which, in effect, ends the litigation and finalizes the legal issues surrounding the cross on  
21 Mount Davidson; and,

22 WHEREAS, The City Attorney's Office, including seven current and former Deputy City  
23 Attorneys, Teresa Stricker, Ellen Forman, Kate Stacy, Mariam Morley, Mara Rosales, Peter  
24 Obstler and Elizabeth Dietrich worked countless hours and put in a great deal of effort on this  
25 case; and,

1           WHEREAS, In addition to the work of the City Attorney's Office under both City  
2 Attorney Louise Renne and City Attorney Dennis Herrera, the cross on Mount Davidson  
3 would not have been saved without the assistance and leadership of the Council of Armenian  
4 American Organizations of Northern California; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
6 commends the City Attorney's Office, including Deputy City Attorneys Teresa Stricker, Ellen  
7 Forman, Kate Stacy and Mariam Morley, Former Deputy City Attorneys Mara Rosales, Peter  
8 Obstler and Elizabeth Dietrich for their successful efforts in court to defend the sale of the  
9 cross and settle the litigation; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board commends the Council of Armenian American  
11 Organizations of Northern California for their successful efforts to keep the cross on Mount  
12 Davidson as a memorial to the Armenian Genocide.