

1 [Sunset Branch Library reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the reopening of the Sunset Branch Library and commending**
4 **the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard work and commitment to**
5 **San Francisco and its residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Sunset Branch Library has been renovated as part of the Branch
8 Library Improvement Program (BLIP) funded by the bond measure passed in November 2000
9 by the voters of San Francisco that calls for nineteen branches to be renovated, four leased
10 facilities to be replaced with new City-owned buildings and one new branch to be built in
11 Mission Bay; and

12 WHEREAS, The Sunset Branch Library will celebrate its grand re-opening on
13 Saturday, March 31, 2007 beginning at 1 pm; and,

14 WHEREAS, Great care was taken to preserve the architectural beauty and historic
15 character of this landmark library and the historic nuances of the building—terra cotta façade,
16 windows, woodwork, ceilings—were enhanced and all improvements were consistent with the
17 original architecture; and

18 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include a revamped children’s area, a distinct
19 teen area, new program room, improved flooring and lighting, new public restrooms, an after-
20 hours book drop, more computers, free WiFi access to the Internet, a new roof, better staff
21 work areas, and new furniture, shelving and materials displays; and,

22 WHEREAS, Library programs continued even while the branch was closed by holding
23 preschool Storytimes and Lapsits at the Sunrise Residence and the Jefferson School
24 Childcare Center, by a Bookmobile stationed at Andronico’s and Jefferson Elementary School
25 and by the Kaleo Café welcoming the monthly Adult Book Club; and,

1 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
2 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Division of Project Management
3 and Bureau of Construction Management, Fougerson Architecture, general contractors Cooper
4 Pugeda Management, Inc., Library Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public
5 Library, and members of the Sunset community who raised funds and helped design the
6 branch to suit their neighborhood's needs; and

7 WHEREAS, This landmark Carnegie building, built in 1918, has been transformed into
8 a state of the art library designed to serve the neighborhood for many more decades to come;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public
11 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,
12 members of the Sunset community, and the entire team that made this project so successful
13 for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
15 celebration of the re-opening of the Sunset Branch Library on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at
16 the branch, 1305 – 18th Avenue at Irving.

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