

1 [Adding the name “Dante Benedetti Lane” to Jasper Alley in North Beach]

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3 **Resolution adding the name “Dante Benedetti Lane” to Jasper Alley in North Beach in**
4 **recognition of Dante Benedetti’s many contributions to the community of North Beach**
5 **and the City of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Dante Benedetti was born in 1919 behind the New Pisa Restaurant in
8 Jasper Alley; and,

9 WHEREAS, Dante Benedetti lived in a North Beach where nobody locked their doors
10 and the neighborhood boys played soccer every night in the street; and,

11 WHEREAS, Dante Benedetti began playing baseball, his first true love, as a young
12 man with Joe DiMaggio and his brothers in the Del Monte Creamery horse lot on Bay Street, a
13 location long ago developed into housing, but at the time providing an ideal location for
14 impromptu games while the horses were out on milk rounds; and,

15 WHEREAS, While helping his siblings keep the New Pisa Restaurant in business,
16 Dante Benedetti pursued a career in education, teaching foreign languages and sports at St.
17 Ignatius High School; and,

18 WHEREAS, Dante Benedetti, at his own expense, coached baseball at various parks
19 throughout the city and volunteered to coach baseball at the University of San Francisco after
20 the program was threatened with elimination, agreeing to be paid a dollar a year for his
21 service over twenty-nine years as a coaching legend there; and,

22 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Dante Benedetti positively impacted the lives of
23 generations of North Beach natives as a baseball coach, restaurateur, host and mentor; now,
24 therefore, be it,

25 RESOLVED, That, consistent with San Francisco Public Works Code Section 701, the

1 Board of Supervisors hereby changes the name of Jasper Alley Place, between Union Street
2 and Green Street, in North Beach to "Dante Benedetti Lane," in recognition of his valued
3 contributions to the City of San Francisco and the community of North Beach; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Director of the
5 Department of Parking and Traffic to erect street signs indicating both the new and the former
6 names of the street, with the new name "Dante Benedetti Lane" in large letters, and the old
7 name "Jasper Alley" in smaller letters above or beneath the new name; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That both of the street names, "Dante Benedetti Lane" and
9 "Jasper Alley", shall remain posted permanently.

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