

1 [Honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the**  
4 **Archdiocese of San Francisco on July 29, 2003.**

5 WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of San Francisco was founded on July 29, 1853; and,

6 WHEREAS, In the first three decades of its history, The Archdiocese of San Francisco  
7 built up an extensive system of schools, orphanages, hospitals, and homes for the elderly and  
8 other institutions of charity; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of San Francisco has served for 150 years as an anchor  
10 for numerous immigrant groups from Europe, Asia and the Philippines and Central and Latin  
11 America; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of San Francisco continues to serve the people of San  
13 Francisco in parishes and institutions of enormous historical, cultural and social value to the  
14 City such as Mission Dolores (1776), the St. Francis Shrine (first parish in 1849), Mission  
15 Dolores School (1852), St. Mary's Hospital (1857), and especially its 44 parishes and  
16 missions serving 180,798 Catholics (23% of the population of the City and County of San  
17 Francisco); and,

18 WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of San Francisco continues its mission of education in  
19 its 35 Catholic elementary schools serving 10,429 students, its seven Catholic high schools  
20 serving 4,541 students and the Jesuit University of San Francisco; and,

21 WHEREAS, Parishioners of the many parishes of the Archdiocese of San Francisco  
22 make contributions to the economic, cultural and civic life of the City and thereby enhance the  
23 quality of life of all of its inhabitants; now therefore be it,

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 commend and honor the Archdiocese of San Francisco on the occasion of the Archdiocese of  
3 San Francisco's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 29, 2003.

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