

1 [Honoring Reverend Fado]

2 RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION OF REVEREND DON
3 FADO OF ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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5 WHEREAS, On January 16, 1999, 95 United Methodist ministers risked their
6 ordinations by uniting two lesbian women in a "holy union"; and,

7 WHEREAS, The marriage-like ceremony was viewed as a defining moment in a
8 two-decade old controversy over the role and place of gays and lesbians in the United
9 Methodist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Don Fado, the lesbian couple's pastor, was instrumental in
11 bringing together the 94 Methodist ministers in blessing the union of two of his
12 congregants; and,

13 WHEREAS, In August of 1998, the church's highest court, the Judicial Council,
14 ruled that the blessing of same-sex unions violated church law; and,

15 WHEREAS, Although other Methodist ministers have blessed such unions in the
16 past, the January event marks the first time that such a blessing has taken place since the
17 court's ruling, and marks the largest protest ever by clergy over the issue of human
18 sexuality in the United Methodist Church or any other; and,

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Fado's actions are in direct opposition to the Knight
20 Initiative, an anti-gay family voter initiative that qualified for the March 2000 ballot in
21 California; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors Reverend Fado
23 for his unrivaled courage in leading almost 100 United Methodist ministers in a same-
24 gender religious ceremony of union; and, be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends
All Our Families Coalition and National Freedom to Marry Day for celebrating and
supporting Reverend Fado and for their unparalleled work advocating for same-gender
unions.



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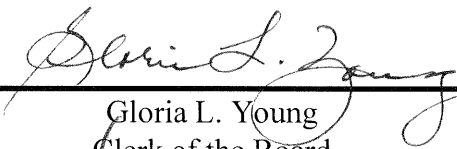
Resolution recognizing the leadership and dedication of Reverend Don Fado of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

February 17, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 2 - Newsom, Teng


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 17, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.