

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Polytechnic Way" - 600 Block of Frederick
2 Street]

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3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Polytechnic Way" to the 600 block**
4 **of Frederick Street in recognition of San Francisco's first public high school and its**
5 **contribution to the education of thousands of San Franciscans from 1894 to 1972.**

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7 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School (Poly) was the first public high school in San
8 Francisco, California from 1884 until 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School was located with entrances at 701 Frederick
10 Street and exits at 372 Carl Street, and was bordered by Willard and Arguello Streets in San
11 Francisco, California; and

12 WHEREAS, Kezar Stadium was originally a part of Poly's athletic facilities, and over
13 50,000 people attended Poly's football games against Lowell High School in both 1928 and
14 1947; and

15 WHEREAS, Polytechnic High School notable alumni includes former 49ers head coach
16 George Seifert, former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, pro footballer Bob St. Clair,
17 musician Paul Desmond, actress Janet Gaynor, lead singer Victor Willis of Village People,
18 Nobel Prize in Physics recipient Luis Walter Alvarez, artist Louis Macouillard, cartoonist Tad
19 Dorgan, physicist Edward Ginzton, athlete Alice Marble - International Tennis Hall of Fame,
20 musician Merl Saunders, announcer George Fenneman, and Rudy Rintala, a four-sport star
21 athlete at Stanford University during the 1930's; and

22 WHEREAS, Thousands of Polytechnic High School graduates went on to live and work
23 in the San Francisco Bay Area, collectively making a positive difference throughout the years;
24 and

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1 WHEREAS, On November 9, 2021, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted
2 Resolution No. 521-21 directing the Department of Public Works to add the honorary street
3 name "Polytechnic Way" to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
4 17 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Municipal Transportation
6 Agency to erect street signs on the 700 block of Frederick Street at Arguello Street and on the
7 600 block of Frederick Street at Willard Street indicating both the honorary and the existing
8 names of the street, either on a single sign or on separate signs, with the honorary name
9 "Polytechnic Way" in smaller letters above or beneath the existing name.

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