

1 [George Washington High School Day - October 15, 2011]

2 **Resolution celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of George Washington High School and**
3 **proclaiming October 15, 2011, as George Washington High School Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**
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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is proud to recognize and honor George Washington High
7 School on its 75th anniversary, first opened to serve students on August 25, 1936; and,

8 WHEREAS, George Washington High School is among the finest comprehensive high
9 schools in the United States and was so recognized in the March 1958 Reader's Digest article
10 entitled "Three Cheers for George Washington High!"; and,

11 WHEREAS, George Washington High School, built on one of the City's highest hills
12 and enjoying an unparalleled view of the Golden Gate Bridge and Marin County, was
13 designed by famed architect Timothy Pfleuger and includes work by a host of noted artists
14 including muralists Victor Arnautoff, Lucien Labaudt, Gordon Langdon, Ralph Stackpole,
15 sculptor Sargent Johnson, and, added in 1974, Dewey Crumpler; student muralists have
16 added to the school's impressive walls for many years since; and,

17 WHEREAS, George Washington High School offers a full range of classes for all
18 students, from Advanced Placement, where the school consistently ranks in the top 1% of
19 offerings in the nation, a full college preparatory program, career and business classes, as
20 well as classes for special needs students and English Language Learners; and graduation
21 and college acceptance rates are consistently near 100%; and,

22 WHEREAS, George Washington High School has always made available to its
23 students all manner of extra-curricular and athletic opportunities, and seen its students excel
24 in these areas, exemplified during the 2010-11 school year as the first public high school in
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1 San Francisco to earn three varsity championships in one season (football, baseball and
2 basketball), and over the years has seen students achieve national prominence in forensics
3 13 different years; and,

4 WHEREAS, George Washington High School is open to all families in San Francisco
5 and has always been a model community for the city's ethnic diversity; and,

6 WHEREAS, George Washington High School alumni have served and are currently
7 serving the country in the military, in science, the arts, public service, technology and
8 education; alumni enjoy the opportunity to belong to the school's active and committed
9 Alumni Association; and,

10 WHEREAS, George Washington honors its illustrious alumni by inducting them in its
11 Hall of Merit which includes among its members singer Johnny Mathis, actress Lee
12 Meriwether, software entrepreneur Gilman Louie, politician Phillip Burton, NFL Hall of Famer
13 Ollie Matson, lesbian pioneer Del Martin, actor Danny Glover, MacArthur Grant winner
14 Lateefah Simon, and 9/11 heroine Betty Ong; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors celebrates the Diamond
16 Jubilee of George Washington High School, a proud member of the San Francisco Unified
17 School District and dedicated to the education and the building of character of the city's
18 young people, and proclaims October 15, 2011, as George Washington High School Day in
19 San Francisco.

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