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[Honoring Volunteers in Medicine]

Resolution honoring Volunteers in Medicine for establishing free medical clinics for the working uninsured.

WHEREAS, America has an estimated 44 million individuals without health insurance and the numbers continue to grow; and,

WHEREAS, For the most part, the uninsured are hard working Americans who either cannot afford health insurance, or lack access to it; and,

WHEREAS, The uninsured are less healthy, live shorter lives, and actually cost the nation a staggering sum for treatment, lost productivity and displacement; and,

WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine is a national non-profit organization pioneered by Dr. Jack McConnell and dedicated to helping communities establish free medical clinics for the working uninsured; and,

WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine has linked retired physicians, nurses, dentists and other healthcare professionals with the working uninsured in appropriate facilities in over 30 communities in 24 states; and,

WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine's clinics serving the uninsured have alleviated emergency departments from the burdens involved in providing non-urgent primary care; and,

WHEREAS, Volunteers in Medicine's teams have made a huge difference to uninsured persons by managing chronic conditions so acute episodes are prevented and by detecting serious conditions before it is too late; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors honors Volunteers in Medicine for their dedication to helping communities establish free medical clinics for the working uninsured.



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F	ile No. 041286		I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 21, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
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