RESOLUTION NO. 430-00

FILE NO. 000827

## [Commendation]

COMMENDING FATHER STEPHEN GROSS, OSM CONV., FOR HIS SUCCESS IN RE-OPENING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND IN OBTAINING NATIONAL SHRINE STATUS FOR THE CHURCH.

WHEREAS, Father Stephen Gross, OSM Conv., is the first and Founding Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi located at 610 Vallejo Street; and,

WHEREAS, In September 1997, Father Gross began the process of reopening the Shrine, then a closed parish church; and,

WHEREAS, The doors of St. Francis of Assisi were officially reopened in February, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Father Stephen Gross worked very hard to obtain National Shrine status for the Church and obtained that status in September 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Through Father Gross' stewardship, the Church was transformed into a National Shrine in just two years, a process that can take eight years or more with no guarantees; and,

WHEREAS, Now that St. Francis is re-opened and is a National Shrine, local residents will enjoy a permanent place of worship in their neighborhood; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Father Stephen Gross, OSM Conv., for his success in re-opening St. Francis of Assisi and obtaining National Shrine status for the Church.

SUPERVISOR, BECERRIL, TENG, BIERMAN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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**Date Approved**