[Commending Richard Labonté]

COMMENDING RICHARD LABONTE FOR CO-FOUNDING A DIFFERENT LIGHT BOOKS AND FOR BEING A BEACON HIMSELF TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER LITERARY COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Richard Labonté co-founded A Different Light with Norman Laurila in 1979 in Silver Lake; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Silver Lake store prompted Labonté and Laurila to open additional stores in San Francisco, West Hollywood and New York City; and

WHEREAS, Under Richard Labonté's expert management, A Different Light Books in San Francisco served as a community orientated business; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, A Different Light sponsored the first Outright Conference as well as the hosting the annual Bay Area Queer Literary Conference called Readers and Writers; and

WHEREAS, A Different Light has thus provided the space and the opportunity for not only for writers to read their works in public, but also to various gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community based organizations including allowing these organizations to store tables and literature and donating thousands of dollars in the form of gift certificates to community raffles and events; and

WHEREAS, Under Labonté's direction, A Different Light was the first business in the Castro to support Simply Supper, which is a hot meal program for the homeless administered at Metropolitan Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Richard has been a guiding light to hundreds of queer writers and his presence in the office of A Different Light and will be sorely missed by all who came to seek a few wise words of advise from an erudite man of letters, publishing and books; and

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WHEREAS, Many in the small press movement have all praised Richard for his vision and his hard work in getting works from queer writers; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a tireless promoter of queer literature, Richard has written number book reviews and book columns for numerous periodicals including Q magazine, Feminist Bookstore News; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends Richard Labonté for co-founding A Different Light bookstore and for being beacon himself to members of the lesbian, bisexual and transgender literary community.

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Resolution

File Number:	001333	Date Passed:
		r co-founding A Different Light Books and for being a an, gay, bisexual and transgender literary community.
July 24, 200	00 Board of Supervisors —	– ADOPTED
	Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, B Teng, Yaki, Yee	Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
	File No. 001333	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 24, 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