CONDEMNING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PASSING THE VIOLENT AND REPEAT JUVENILE OFFENDER ACT AND URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE NOT TO PASS THE ACT IN ITS CURRENT VERSION

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives recently passed the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act (S. 10); and,

WHEREAS, The Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act would imprison children as young as 14 years of age with adult offenders; and,

WHEREAS, Teenagers in adult jails and prisons are five times more likely to be sexually assaulted, twice as likely to be beaten by staff, and eight times more likely to commit suicide than kids in juvenile institutions; and,

WHEREAS, The Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act earmarks federal grant money for sanctions, juvenile records, drug testing, and juvenile prison construction but does not earmark funds for juvenile crime prevention; and,

WHEREAS, The Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act requires states to send all juvenile disposition and adjudication records to the FBI, the elementary or high school in which the juvenile is enrolled, and any college to which the juvenile may apply; and,

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives passed the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act by attaching it to a bill to fund the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and,

WHEREAS, This action effectively impeded all debate concerning the bill and blocked any possible amendments; and,

WHEREAS, The Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act is not the appropriate means to deal with juvenile crime and prevent children from becoming criminals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco condemns the United States House of Representatives for passing the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act and urges the United States Senate not to pass the act in its current version; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from California in Congress.



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October 19, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 19, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.