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[Commending Merrill-Lynch]

60,000 persons world-wide; and,

TO ITS EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, Merrill Lynch is a global financial services organization which employs

COMMENDING MERRILL LYNCH FOR PROVIDING DOMESTIC PARTNERS BENEFITS

WHEREAS, Merrill Lynch has determined that it makes good business sense to offer domestic partnership benefits; and,

WHEREAS, Merrill Lynch has agreed to join companies such as AT&T, Walt Disney, IBM, Sun Microsystems, and Eastman Kodak in offering same sex domestic partnership benefits as part of its "extended family members" benefits package; now, therefor, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Merrill Lynch for its business acumen and commitment to fairness for all its employees; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor forward a copy of this legislation to Merrill Lynch at their world headquarters in New York City.

SUPERVISORS

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco September 22, 1998

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Katz Kaufman Leno Medina

Newsom Yaki Yee

Absent: Supervisors Bierman Teng

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

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Mayor

Clerk