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RESOLUTION NO. 652-06

[Commending Food Security Task Force for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of food programs in City and County of San Francisco.]

Resolution commending Food Security Task Force for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of food programs in City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Public and private agencies in San Francisco work every day to ensure that vulnerable families and individuals are safe from the devastating effects of hunger ; and

WHEREAS, Federally funded nutrition programs serve as a cornerstone of this effort to end hunger in our City. More than a dozen federal programs form a patchwork of assistance. Many programs, like the National School Lunch Program, are designed to prevent hunger among children. Others focus on ending hunger among the elderly, while a few – like the Food Stamp Program – can serve any resident who meets the program's strict income limits, regardless of age; and,

WHEREAS, Despite the presence of these federal program in San Francisco, at least 150,000 residents – or one in five adults and one in four children – still live with the threat of hunger. At the same time, San Francisco lost over \$70million in federal nutrition benefits last year due to underutilization of federal nutrition programs; and,

WHEREAS, For the City, underutilization means the loss of significant federal resources that would support jobs and economic growth while helping to reduce the public cost of health care and emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco Food Security Task Force is a body that was established by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to provide guidance on ways and means to increase participation in programs, and to provide the Board with advice and assistance

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concerning funding priorities, legislative actions, and city policies addressing hunger and enhancing the food security of San Francisco residents.

WHEREAS, Food Security Task Force works with San Francisco Human Services Agency and San Francisco Food Bank to submit grant proposal for a new and innovative food stamp access program. As a result, San Francisco has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, The new program is an effort to improve access and participation in the city's Food Stamp Program. Webcams and computer kiosks will be installed at Community Based Organizations throughout the City. San Franciscans will be able to enroll in the Food Stamp program and recertify their existing services at these sites; and,

WHEREAS, The Food Security Task Force will perform oversight of the new Food Stamp Program initiative; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisor commends Food Security Task Force for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of food programs in City and County of San Francisco.

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November 7, 2006 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval Absent: 1 - Daly Excused: 1 - Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 7, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young lerk of the Board Mayor Gavin Newsom

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