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RESOLUTION NO.

465-06

[Commending El Cucuy and the Votos por America campaign]

Commending DJ Renán Almendárez Coello, known as El Cucuy, and the Votos por America campaign who are working to register one million new voters.

WHEREAS, On Monday July 31st 2006, Spanish-language DJ Renán Almendárez Coello, known as El Cucuy or "the boogeyman," began a national voter registration drive called the Votos por America campaign; and

WHEREAS, Almendárez is taking his talk show on a two-week, 10-city bus tour that began in San Jose and will end in Washington, D.C. on August 11th; and

WHEREAS, Almendárez's daily morning talk show, "El Cucuy de la Mañana," is syndicated in 36 cities and has an estimated 35 million listeners; and

WHEREAS, The Votos por America campaign aims to register one million new voters before the November's election; and

WHEREAS, 7.6 million Latinos voted in the November 2004 election, but there are seven million Latino citizens who are eligible to vote but have not registered; and

WHEREAS, Almendárez's was one of several Los Angeles locutores (disc jockeys) who drew more than a half-million people to marches on both March 25 and May 1 in response to HR4437, the anti-immigration bill passed by the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, The Votos por America campaign and the We Are America alliance are working for dignified immigration reform that respects the contributions to the United States by the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants and creates a path to legal residence and eventual citizenship for them; and

SUPERVISOR MIRKARIMI BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, The Votos por America campaign is working to translate the heightened awareness of immigration issues in the Latino-American community into broad and sustained civic engagement; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Renán Almendárez Coello, the Votos por America campaign, and the We Are America alliance for their work in registering new voters and wishes them luck in reaching their goal of registering one million new voters before the November election.

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August 8, 2006 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 8, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Youn Clerk of the Boai 11/06 **Date Approved** Gavin Newsom