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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution Urging the Library Commission to rename the Western Addition Branch Library as the Mary Helen Rogers Branch Library.

WHEREAS, Mary Rogers has demonstrated a clear-eyed conviction in what she knew to be right, and helped lead the charge against the people removal polices of "urban renewal," a fight she gallantly continues today; and

WHEREAS, Mary Rogers is known for her passionate intensity and her plain-talking eloquence in speaking about the issues of the day, whether it was a tragedy of racial hatred or the impoverished conditions of our urban poor; and

WHEREAS, Mary Rogers has been steadfast in the fight to protect the Fillmore's special legacy and the people who have lived there, as evidenced by her work with the Western Addition Project Area Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mary Rogers has worked tirelessly with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority and engaged in the fragile social alliances that sought the common denominators of decency and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Mary Rogers continues to move mountains with her work in the Jazz Preservation District, Chair of the Juneteenth Committee, and as President of AGAPEE, among other notable activities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Rogers speaks to us all -- by calling witness to a City that sees its African American and working class populations shrink; by shaking the soul of San Francisco, where justice and fairness need to prevail, as she challenges us to create a place where we can all call "home"; and

WHEREAS, The Western Addition Branch Library at 1550 Scott Street serves the community which Mary Rogers is such an important part of; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco honors Mary Rogers for her commitment to the Fillmore, the Western Addition, the African American community, and to the betterment of San Francisco; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City of San Francisco urges the Library Commission to rename the Western Addition Branch Library as the Mary Helen Rogers Branch Library.



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Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin

Absent: 2 - Elsbernd, Sandoval Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 10, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board