

1 ["A Day of Remembrance Honoring the Life of Jose Julio Sarria" - September 6, 2013]

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3 **Resolution honoring the life of Jose Julio Sarria and declaring September 6, 2013, to be**  
4 **"A Day of Remembrance Honoring the Life of Jose Julio Sarria" in the City and County**  
5 **of San Francisco.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Jose Julio Sarria, beloved son of San Francisco, has inspired San  
8 Franciscans, the nation, and the world to have the courage to be who we are, to unite and  
9 work to heal, uplift, and transform our LGBT communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Jose Julio Sarria, has inspired both community members and leaders of  
11 every gender, race, class, ethnic background and sexual orientation to make historic  
12 contributions to the growth and strength of San Francisco in countless ways; and

13 WHEREAS, Jose Julio Sarria, an honored American World War II Veteran and openly  
14 gay man, served as a pioneering leader of the modern-day LGBT Civil Rights and Social  
15 Justice Movements. He was the first openly gay man in the Nation to seek election to public  
16 office in San Francisco in 1961, paving the way for LGBT people to run, be elected, and  
17 honorably serve in public office; and

18 WHEREAS, Jose Julio Sarria, founder of the Imperial Court of San Francisco in 1965,  
19 and founder of the International Court System in 1996 with 69 chapters across the United  
20 States, Canada and Mexico. He has inspired all with his vision, leadership, honor, and the  
21 traditions of noble community service and exemplary charitable fundraising; and

22 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of Jose Julio Sarria in our history has  
23 been consistently overlooked in literature, teaching and studies of American history; now,  
24 therefore, be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, hereby declares Friday,  
2   September 6, 2013, to be "A Day of Remembrance Honoring the Life of Jose Julio Sarria" in  
3   the City and County of San Francisco.