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[Rename James Alley to "Rose Pak's Way 白蘭之道"]

Resolution changing the name of James Alley, an alleyway off of Jackson Street in Chinatown, to "Rose Pak's Way 白蘭之道" in recognition of Rose Pak's contributions to the City and County of San Francisco and the Chinatown community.

WHEREAS, Rose Pak was born in 1947 in China and grew up in Macau and Hong Kong as a refugee after her father died in the civil war; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak won a scholarship at the age of 17 to a women's college in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, after obtaining a Master of Arts degree in Journalism from the Columbia School of Journalism in New York, Rose Pak became the first female Asian American journalist for the San Francisco Chronicle, where she continued to challenge racial and gender stereotypes and bias; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak resigned from her eight-year career as a San Francisco Chronicle staff journalist in 1979 to spearhead the campaign to save beloved Chinatown institution, Chinese Hospital, after the State Board issued a Fire Code Notice of Violation to Chinese Hospital, ordering significant upgrades to the hospital's infrastructure or risk having the hospital shut down completely; and

WHEREAS, Chinese Hospital has provided critical culturally competent medical services to the larger Chinatown community since 1925, further expanding its successful patient services model to the Excelsior neighborhood and Daly City; and

WHEREAS, The closure of Chinese Hospital would have had devastating impacts on the large immigrant and Asian American population in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak committed to saving Chinese Hospital and dedicated the greater part of her adult life fundraising for Chinese Hospital's rebuild, acting as an emissary to visiting dignitaries and would-be benefactors and evangelizing the importance of Chinese Hospital's mission and contributions to the larger Asian American community; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak became a Board Member of Chinese Hospital (and still serves as the Chair of the Fundraising Committee) in order to lead the massive fundraising effort that garnered \$160,000,000 to build a new Chinese Hospital building next to the old facilities on Jackson Street; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak became the General Consultant for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in 1984, and in this capacity emcees the annual San Francisco Chinese New Year Fair and Parade with characteristic wit and spectacle, ensuring the Chinese New Year Parade was named one of the top 10 parades by the International Festivals and Events Association; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak has championed the role of Asian Americans in politics and advocated for Asian Americans, immigrants and people of color to educate and organize for equity and fair representation with respect to housing, contracting and budget policies; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak has challenged traditional stereotypes and strongholds of straight, white male power in the interest of social justice, even when those public positions have been controversial or unpopular; and

WHEREAS, Rose Pak has chosen an intentional life of public service devoted to the work of supporting her surrogate Chinatown family and public projects that serve the community's health and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, The grand re-opening of the Chinese Hospital will take place at the end of April, 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco change the name of James Alley to "Rose Pak's Way 白蘭之道," in ceremonial recognition of Rose Pak's valued contributions to the City of San Francisco, Chinatown, and the greater Chinese and Asian American communities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, directs the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prepare an independent street sign with the new name "Rose Pak's Way 白蘭之道" in large letters to be affixed separately from the current James Alley sign; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the SFMTA to expedite the installation of the approved new sign in time for the grand re-opening of Chinese Hospital; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of the "Street Vacation – James Alley – Chinese Hospital Improvements (File #160153)" street vacation ordinance, the existing James Alley sign will finally be removed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the street renaming is commemorative in nature and not subject to procedural hearings or noticing pursuant to Streets and Highway Code, Section 970.5, or San Francisco Transportation, Code Section 2.2; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with Public Works Code, 789 et seq.



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