

1 [Tom “Red” McGarvey Day - May 7, 2017]

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3 **Resolution commending Tom McGarvey on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, honoring**  
4 **his dedication to San Francisco’s small businesses, and declaring May 7, 2017, as Tom**  
5 **“Red” McGarvey Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, On April 28, 1927, Tom McGarvey was born in Potrero Hill and is a true  
8 native son of San Francisco who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 28, 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1942, Tom joined the merchant marines at age 15, sailing around the  
10 globe, and after a decade of that he was ready to come home to San Francisco; and

11 WHEREAS, His devotion to small business has produced a landmark establishment  
12 known as “Red’s Java House” at Piers 30/32; and

13 WHEREAS, For over four decades Tom’s insights on all things waterfront related would  
14 find their way into Herb Caen’s famous column; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1984 a massive fire destroyed the surrounding pier and its buildings, but  
16 the beloved Red’s survived thanks to the San Francisco Fire Department’s Phoenix fireboat;  
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18 WHEREAS, Tom’s legacy includes generations of dockworkers, tourists and downtown  
19 business folks discovering the great and simple menu at Red’s; and

20 WHEREAS, Tom’s constant dedication to many communities—specifically San  
21 Francisco’s Irish American community, St. Stephen’s Parish and San Francisco’s small  
22 businesses has helped hundreds of his fellow San Franciscans; and

23 WHEREAS, Tom McGarvey is loved and supported dearly by his family and community  
24 who hope to enjoy him for many more years to come; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 commends Tom “Red” McGarvey on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and for his lifelong  
3 dedication to the people of the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
5 Francisco hereby declares May 7, 2017, as Tom “Red” McGarvey Day in celebration of his  
6 marvelous life and remarkable contributions to our great City.

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