

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Tony Bennett Way" - 900 Block of Mason
2 Street]

3 **Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Tony Bennett Way" to the 900**
4 **block of Mason Street in recognition of legendary singer Tony Bennett and his**
5 **ambassadorship to the City and County of San Francisco, as well as his long and**
6 **celebrated history with the Fairmont Hotel and San Francisco communities.**

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8 WHEREAS, Tony Bennett, born Anthony Benedetto in 1926, was a passionate
9 environmental advocate, social justice activist, and civic leader throughout his adult life,
10 including serving in the U.S. Army during World War II and marching with the Rev. Martin
11 Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement; and

12 WHEREAS, Tony Bennett has been a staunch supporter of arts education in public
13 schools, and with his wife, established the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts public high school
14 in his hometown of Astoria, Queens in New York City, to make sure that students of all
15 backgrounds have access to visual and performance arts; and

16 WHEREAS, Tony Bennett has brought joy and nostalgia to countless millions with his
17 velvety smooth voice and debonair musical charm; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1961, Tony Bennett unveiled one of his trademark songs, "I Left My
19 Heart in San Francisco," in the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room, providing the City by the Bay
20 with a beloved anthem that has been enjoyed by young and old for more than five decades;
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22 WHEREAS, Tony Bennett also sang "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" during such
23 momentous occasions as the 1984 return of the "little cable cars that climb halfway to the
24 stars" after the City's historic transportation system was shut down for a 2-year refurbishment;
25 the 50th-anniversary festivities for the Golden Gate Bridge; the reopening of the Bay Bridge

1 after it was damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake; and the 2012 San Francisco
2 Giants' World Series Parade; and

3 WHEREAS, Tony Bennett was honored with the unveiling of an 8-foot-tall bronze
4 statue in his likeness, erected in front of the Fairmont Hotel atop Nob Hill in 2016 to mark his
5 90th birthday; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That in order to celebrate "The Good Life" of the internationally acclaimed
7 crooner, there shall be an honorary naming of "Tony Bennett Way" on Mason Street between
8 Sacramento and California Streets in recognition of Tony Bennett's valued contributions to the
9 City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Municipal
11 Transportation Agency to erect street signs on Mason Street between Sacramento and
12 California Streets indicating both the honorary and the existing names of the street, either on
13 a single sign or on separate signs, with the honorary name "Tony Bennett Way" beneath the
14 existing name; and, be it

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

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