

1 [Commending Senator Dianne Feinstein for her successful chairing of the 2009 Joint
2 Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies]

3 **Resolution commending Senator Dianne Feinstein for her successful chairing of the**
4 **2009 Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.**
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6 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein was chosen to represent the people of America
7 as the Chair of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies that oversaw the
8 successful inauguration of the 44th President of the United States of America; and,

9 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein served successfully as the first Californian and
10 first woman to chair the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; and,

11 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein chose to honor the 200th anniversary of the birth
12 of Abraham Lincoln by selecting "A New Birth of Freedom" as the official theme of the 2009
13 Inaugural ceremonies; and,

14 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
15 Inaugural Ceremonies hosted nearly 2 million revelers in Washington, DC to celebrate the
16 historic inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States of America;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
19 Inaugural Ceremonies adeptly coordinated the resources of 58 law enforcement agencies,
20 including the FBI, the Secret Service, the Capitol Police and the Military to provide exemplary
21 security for the visitors and dignitaries at the 2009 Inauguration Ceremonies; and,

22 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
23 Inaugural Ceremonies distributed 240,000 tickets to the Inauguration in a equitable and timely
24 manner; and,
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1 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
2 Inaugural Ceremonies worked tirelessly to ensure that every ticket holder was granted access
3 in a quick, unobtrusive process; and,

4 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
5 Inaugural Ceremonies coordinated ten distinct official Inaugural Balls to honor numerous
6 groups, including the Commander-in-Chief's Ball honoring all current and past US Military
7 Service Members and the Youth's Ball, to represent the youth of the nation; and,

8 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
9 Inaugural Ceremonies effectively harmonized 15,000 marchers, 240 horses and dozens of
10 Marching bands to form a memorable Inauguration Day Parade that lasted more than two
11 hours; and,

12 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Joint Congressional Committee on
13 Inaugural Ceremonies efficiently proportioned a budget of \$1.2 million to support the
14 Inauguration Ceremonies; and,

15 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein brought great attention to the City and County
16 of San Francisco by including organizations from San Francisco throughout the inaugural
17 festivities including the San Francisco Boys Chorus, the San Francisco Girls Chorus,
18 members of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band and Cheer SF; and,

19 WHEREAS, Senator Dianne Feinstein poignantly began the historic inauguration of
20 Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States of America by declaring January,
21 20, 2009 as a "Turning Point for Our Nation" ; now therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the service and
23 dedication of Senator Dianne Goldman Berman Feinstein in serving as the chair for the Joint
24 Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and ensuring an historic and memorable
25 Inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States of America.

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