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[Commending the Golden Gate Yacht Club and BMW ORACLE Racing Team on Winning the 33rd America's Cup and Urging the City to Host the 34th America's Cup]

Resolution commending San Francisco's Golden Gate Yacht Club and BMW ORACLE Racing team, directing the Clerk of the Board to send a congratulatory letter regarding their significant achievement of winning the 33rd America's Cup, and urging the City to work diligently on a plan for a San Francisco waterfront venue to host the 34th America's Cup.

WHEREAS, The America's Cup, with a colorful heritage and tradition dating back to 1851, is considered the oldest international trophy in sport and sailing's biggest prize; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, February 14, 2010, off the waters of Valencia, Spain, BMW ORACLE Racing won the 33rd America's Cup, becoming the first American challenger in twenty seven years to win the America's Cup; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Yacht Club was founded in 1939, when members built the first clubhouse on a barge located in the San Francisco Marina. Fifty years later, the Loma Prieta Quake severely damaged the Club, but through the hard work and dedication of its members, the Club has been restored; and

WHEREAS, To win the America's Cup, the BMW ORACLE Racing team sailed "USA", built in the United States, and considered the fastest, most technologically advanced trimaran ever made; and

WHEREAS, This victory and accomplishment brings great distinction to the San Francisco Bay Area, and our sporting and sailing communities; and

WHEREAS, The BMW ORACLE Racing team has announced it intends to institute an independent management of all competitive aspects of the 34th America's Cup regatta to make the race fair and equal for all competitors; and

WHEREAS, A number of cities around the world are preparing proposals to host the next America's Cup; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay has long been a world class sailing destination due to its natural beauty and strong, consistent winds; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay forms a natural amphitheater that would provide a uniquely spectator-friendly setting for the America's Cup with countless viewing possibilities from the Bay Area's shorelines, buildings, bridges, and islands; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Larry Ellison, the team founder and afterguard member, has expressed a desire to consider holding the next America's Cup on the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, Hosting the America's Cup would offer a host of benefits to the San Francisco Bay region, including the direct impact to the hospitality, tourism, and maritime industries, as well as sporting and sailing communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, commends San Francisco's Golden Gate Yacht Club and the BMW ORACLE Racing team on its tremendous victory in winning the 33rd Americas Cup; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to send congratulatory letters to the Golden Gate Yacht Club and the BMW ORACLE Racing team; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That that the Board of Supervisor urges the City and County of San Francisco to work diligently, and with enthusiasm, to develop a worthy plan for a San Francisco waterfront venue to host the 34th America's Cup.