FILE NO. 211016 AMENDED IN BOARD 9/28/2021 RESOLUTION NO. 460-21

[Declaring the Intent to Name the San Francisco City Hall Press Room "The Barbara A. Taylor Press Room"]

Resolution of intent to name the San Francisco City Hall press room, in its current and any future location, "The Barbara A. Taylor Press Room," in honor of legendary reporter Barbara Ann Taylor (1947 - 2020), whose significant contributions to journalism and San Francisco civic life while serving as the KCBS City Hall bureau chief for more than 30 years have set the standard for integrity and professionalism.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco City Hall press room, currently located in Room 247 and unnamed, serves as the home base for reporters and visiting journalists covering San Francisco civic matters, policy, and politics; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Ann Taylor served as San Francisco City Hall bureau chief for KCBS Radio for more than 30 years, covering City Hall politics across seven different mayoral administrations, until her retirement in 2015, which earned her the mantel of "Dean of the City Hall Press Corps"; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Taylor leveraged her experience as a political reporter to also co-write the Insider column and opinion pieces for the Hearst-owned San Francisco Examiner and to serve as on-air host for the televised weekly City Desk News; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Taylor adeptly and incisively covered the biggest news stories of her time with a skilled professionalism that set the standard for countless journalists, including the shocking assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk and the Jonestown massacre, which changed the course of politics in San Francisco; the Loma Prieta earthquake, the largest natural disaster to strike the City in over 80 years; and San Francisco's groundbreaking and revolutionary issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, paving the way for legalizing gay marriage; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing her fearlessness, tenacity, street smarts and gut instincts, Barbara Taylor ferreted out stories and cut through the codswallop, providing her listeners with news stories that were relevant, accurate, balanced and timely, which ultimately earned her numerous awards for her news coverage, both as an individual reporter and as a member of a team unit, among them the Peabody and Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University awards and six national Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) "Edward R. Murrow" awards for overall excellence; and

WHEREAS, At once empathetic and hard-hitting in her beat reporting, Barbara Taylor threaded her stories with human interest, fairness and profound integrity, earning the respect of her subjects and colleagues alike, and becoming a role model and subject matter expert even to her competitors wise enough to watch and learn from the best in the business; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Taylor, for a time accompanied by her canine companion, Tanner, held court in her City Hall press room office and recording studio, hosting a steady stream of elected officials, legislative aides, City Hall flaks, lobbyists, activists, political gadflies and bureaucrats eager to get their say on the stories she was working on; and

WHEREAS, When politicians tried to avoid being peppered with pointed questions or her dogged inquiries, Barbara Taylor knew where to track them down, lying in wait with microphone in hand by their parked car, on a back staircase, or at their favorite after-hours (or lunchtime) watering hole; and

WHEREAS, A consummate beat reporter, Barbara Taylor knew when to hold tight to information given to her in confidence, when to use it for background and when to roll it out, earning her the trust of valuable sources, which ultimately benefitted her listeners, viewers and readers, who came to depend on her ability to competently and confidently report the news with context and authority, often in real time; and

WHEREAS, After diligently reporting on the work and words of seven mayors and dozens of supervisors, as well as covering tens of thousands of hours of public meetings, thousands of press conferences and hundreds of public protests, Barbara Taylor had one of the longest tenures of any individual consistently working under the City Hall dome, recording history as it unfolded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby declare its intent to name the San Francisco City Hall press room, in its current and any future location, "The Barbara A. Taylor Press Room", in honor of legendary reporter Barbara Ann Taylor (1947 - 2020), whose significant contributions to journalism and San Francisco civic life while serving as the KCBS City Hall bureau chief for more than 30 years have set the standard for integrity and professionalism.

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September 28, 2021 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani and Walton
Absent: 1 - Safai

September 28, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani and Walton
Absent: 1 - Safai

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 9/28/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

10/08/2021

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/08/2021
Date