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[SUPPORTING HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 356]

URGING THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS “THE APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY RESOLUTION OF 2000,” HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 356.

WHEREAS, On June 19, 2000, Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, called for Congress to formally apologize for promoting and sustaining slavery and its legacy through “The Apology for Slavery Resolution of 2000,” House Concurrent Resolution 356; and,

WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants were enslaved in the U.S. and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865; and,

WHEREAS, Slavery has denied African Americans the fruits of their own labor and was an immoral and inhumane deprivation of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, citizenship rights, and cultural heritage; and,

WHEREAS, Rep. Tony Hall put this resolution forward because it is the right thing to do and it would set a historical precedent; and,

WHEREAS, Congress has offered apologies before—for instance, in 1988, Congress apologized to Japanese-Americans for imprisoning them during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, Rep. Tony Hall’s resolution states that Congress should establish a commission to study the legacy of slavery; and

WHEREAS, The resolution further states that Congress should establish a National museum and memorial regarding slavery as it relates to U.S. and African American history; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges
2 the U.S. House of Representatives to pass "The Apology for Slavery Resolution of 2000,"
3 House Concurrent Resolution 356.
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Resolution urging the U.S. House of Representatives to pass "The Apology for Slavery Resolution of 2000," House Concurrent Resolution 356.

July 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JUL 14 2000
Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.