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5 **discrimination against Iranian-Americans.**

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7 WHEREAS, Iranian-Americans serve as government officials, in the military, and law
8 enforcement, working to uphold the constitution of the United States and to protect all
9 Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, Iranian-Americans are vibrant, peaceful and law-abiding citizens and
11 residents of the Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Zoroastrian faiths, or are non-religious;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, Iranian-Americans have greatly contributed to the social and economic
14 fabric of American society; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is seriously concerned regarding the findings, in
16 the report of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, of arrests followed by
17 detentions for extended periods of time without charges, denials of access to counsel, and
18 abuse by prison guards of nationals of Iranian origin following the attacks of September 11th,
19 2001; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is seriously concerned regarding the findings in
21 that report of discriminatory enforcement of the immigration laws, leading to arbitrary
22 detentions and deportations of nationals of Iranian origin; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is seriously concerned by the alarming number
24 of reports of incidents of discrimination and bias-motivated crime against Americans of Middle
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1 Eastern descent, including Iranian-Americans, all across the Nation in the wake of the tragic
2 events of September 11th, 2001; and,

3 WHEREAS, Representative Meehan, Representative Shays, Representative Mica, and
4 Representative Feeney have introduced a House Resolution 367 in the United States House
5 of Representatives declaring that the government should ensure civil rights and civil liberties
6 protections for Iranian-Americans, condemns bigotry against any Americans, including
7 Iranian-Americans, encourages Iranian-Americans, encourages Iranian-Americans to share
8 their experiences with local, State and Federal elected officials as well as others to end
9 stereotypes, correct misconceptions and convey instances of abuse against the Iranian-
10 American community, and calls upon local, State and Federal law enforcement authorities to
11 investigate and vigorously prosecute crimes committed against all Americans, including
12 Iranian-Americans that are based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin
13 or ethnicity; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Representative
15 Meehan, Representative Shays, Representative Mica, and Representative Feeney for
16 introducing House Resolution 367; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San
18 Francisco Police Commission to take steps to ensure that the San Francisco Police
19 Department protects all San Franciscans from discrimination, especially those of South Asia
20 (Middle Eastern) and Iranian descent most at risk due to the prejudicial misperceptions of
21 culpability prevalent in the wake of the September 11th attacks; and,

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
23 United States House of Representatives to pass House Resolution 367; and, be it
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this resolution to the offices of Minority Leader Representative Nancy Pelosi, Representative Meehan, Representative Shays, Representative Mica, and Representative Feeney.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 16, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
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Clerk of the Board

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