

1 [Commendation]

2 COMMENDING FATHER STEPHEN GROSS, OSM CONV., FOR HIS SUCCESS IN RE-
3 OPENING ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND IN OBTAINING NATIONAL SHRINE STATUS
4 FOR THE CHURCH.

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6 WHEREAS, Father Stephen Gross, OSM Conv., is the first and
7 Founding Rector of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi
8 located at 610 Vallejo Street; and,

9 WHEREAS, In September 1997, Father Gross began the process of
10 reopening the Shrine, then a closed parish church; and,

11 WHEREAS, The doors of St. Francis of Assisi were officially re-
12 opened in February, 1998; and,

13 WHEREAS, Father Stephen Gross worked very hard to obtain
14 National Shrine status for the Church and obtained that status in
15 September 1999; and,

16 WHEREAS, Through Father Gross' stewardship, the Church was
17 transformed into a National Shrine in just two years, a process that
18 can take eight years or more with no guarantees; and,

19 WHEREAS, Now that St. Francis is re-opened and is a National
20 Shrine, local residents will enjoy a permanent place of worship in
21 their neighborhood; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
23 of San Francisco commends Father Stephen Gross, OSM Conv., for his
24 success in re-opening St. Francis of Assisi and obtaining National
25 Shrine status for the Church.



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May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Teng

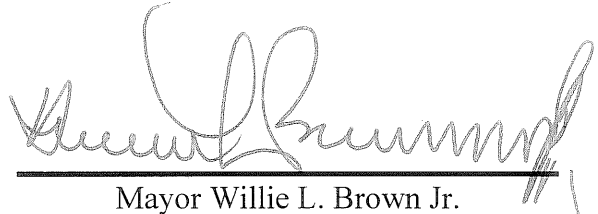
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.