

[REQUESTING APOLOGY TO MR. WEN HO LEE]

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URGING THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ISSUE A FORMAL APOLOGY TO MR. WEN HO LEE.

WHEREAS, nine months ago Dr. Wen Ho Lee, a Chinese American scientist, was arrested and jailed on 59 felony counts that alleged that he turned over the “crown jewels” of America’s nuclear missile program to China; and whereas,

WHEREAS, the Justice Department refused to grant him bail and kept him in solitary confinement, often shackled at the waist, during the entire 9 month period; and,

WHEREAS, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has admitted that he gave false testimony against Mr. Lee; and,

WHEREAS former counter-intelligence personnel have testified that Mr. Lee was the victim of racial profiling because he is of Chinese ancestry; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Justice, acknowledging that it had no basis in fact or in law to make its accusations, has dropped 58 of the 59 charges that it brought against Mr. Lee; and

WHEREAS, Judge Parker criticized the Justice Department for the “unfair manner in which [he] was held in custody;” and

WHEREAS, President Clinton has stated that holding Dr. Lee was jail was “not justified” the plea agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the U.S. Department of Justice to apologize formally to Mr. Wen Ho Lee for the conditions of his confinement.



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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution urging that the U.S. Department of Justice issue a formal apology to Mr. Wen Ho Lee.

September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Katz, Leno, Yaki

Absent: 5 - Brown, Kaufman, Newsom, Teng, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 25, 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.