

1 [Commending John S. James]

2 **COMMENDING JOHN S. JAMES FOR THE FOUNDING OF "AIDS TREATMENT NEWS"**
3 **AND FOR PROVIDING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS TREATMENT AND**
4 **CARE TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS, THEIR CARETAKERS AS WELL AS HEALTH**
5 **CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

6 WHEREAS, John S. James founded the AIDS Treatment News during the darkest days
7 of the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

8 WHEREAS, The AIDS Treatment News provided important information and hope to
9 tens of thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS, their caretakers and health care service
10 providers; and

11 WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, John has kept the community informed of the latest
12 developments in research and care for people living with HIV/AIDS and often bringing
13 attention and raising issues that were neglected and not covered by the mainstream news
14 sources; and

15 WHEREAS, John has advocated tirelessly for better, more humane research and for
16 access to medical care for all who need it, regardless of ability to pay; and

17 WHEREAS, John has set the highest standards of integrity by refusing support from
18 commercial interests while simultaneously making information in AIDS Treatment News
19 available at little or no cost to all those who requested a copy; now therefore be it

20 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 commends John S. James for the founding of "AIDS Treatment News" and for providing
22 important information on HIV/AIDS treatment and care to people living with AIDS, their
23 caretakers as well as health care service providers.

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25 **SUPERVISOR** AMMIANO, *Leno*, Bierman

