Resolution commending San Francisco Giants team member, Barry Lamar Bonds, for his recent record breaking year, and specifically for breaking the single season home run record.

WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds was born in 1964 in Riverside, California; and,
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds graduated from Serra High School, located in San Mateo County, in 1982, where he starred in baseball, basketball and football; and,
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds had a .404 batting average over three varsity seasons, including a .467 average as a prep All-American during his senior year of high school; and,
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds played three years for Arizona State University, with a batting average of .347 with forty-five home runs and one hundred seventy-five RBIs, and was named All-PAC Ten three years straight and was chosen to The Sporting News All-American Team in 1985; and,
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds was named to the All-Time College World Series Team in 1996; and,
WHEREAS, In 1990, Barry Lamar Bonds won the National (NL) Most Valuable Player Award from the Baseball Writers of America Association (BBWAA) and also the Major League Player of the Year Award from The Sporting News and was named to the NL All-Star Team for the first time; and,
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds became the second player in NL history to hit thirty home runs and steal a total of fifty bases in the same season; and,
WHEREAS, In 1992, Barry Lamar Bonds won his second NL MVP award in three years; and,
WHEREAS, In 1993, Barry Lamar Bonds was named the Associated Press Major League Player of the Year and was voted to the UP and The Sporting News NL All-Star Teams and the Associated Press Major League All-Star Team; and,  
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds became the first player to lead in both slugging and on-base percentage since Mike Schmidt (1981); and,  
WHEREAS, In 2001, Barry Lamar Bonds' MVP caliber performance this year includes a record breaking seventy-three home runs, surpassing the previous record set by Mark McGwire in 1998 by three; and,  
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds' .863 slugging percentage, topped Hall of Fame legend, Babe Ruth, whose previous single-season slugging percentage record was .847 average (1920); and,  
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds' .515 on-base percentage, was the best in the Major League during the 2000 season, tenth best all-time and third best ever in the NL, behind marks set in 1899 and 1894; and,  
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds' thirty-six home runs on the road, is the best ever in the Major League, bettering that of Babe Ruth and Mark McGwire; and,  
WHEREAS, Barry Lamar Bonds' 137 RBIs are the most hit by a San Francisco Giants left fielder, passing “Irish” Bob Meusel's 132 posted RBIs in 1922; and,  
WHEREAS, Forty-seven of the seventy-three home runs hit by Barry Lamar Bonds either gave the Giants the lead, tied the game, extended a one-run lead or brought the team within one run of their opponents; and,  
WHEREAS, Ten Hall of Fame members fell behind Barry Lamar Bonds on the all-time home run list, and he ended up in seventh place all time with a total of 567 home runs, just six behind Harmon Kellebrew; and,
WHEREAS, Fans were looking for something to take their minds off the tragedies that occurred on September 11th, 2001, around the same time that Barry Bonds marched toward a series of all-time records; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Barry Lamar Bonds for his recent record breaking year, and specifically for breaking the single season home run record.
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October 15, 2001  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 15, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.