

1 [Renaming of Richmond Branch Library in honor of Milton Marks.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Library Commission to consider renaming the Richmond Branch**
4 **Library in honor of Senator Milton Marks in honor of his contribution to the City and**
5 **County of San Francisco and in particular to his significant contribution to the health**
6 **and welfare of the public library system of the City and State.**

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8 WHEREAS, Senator Milton Marks was a committed, warm, and endearing public
9 servant who treated his constituents as real people and not simply as potential votes in a
10 reelection effort; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Marks was a third generation San Franciscan, having been born
12 in the City in 1920, who graduated from Stanford University and served in the U.S. Army in
13 the Philippines during World War II; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Marks worked his way through law school after the war, taking
15 evening classes and earning his law degree in 1949; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Marks was first elected to the California Assembly in 1958, as a
17 Republican, and was subsequently returned to the legislature until 1966; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Marks was appointed in 1966 as a judge of the Municipal Court
19 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, where he served with distinction; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Marks returned to politics in 1967, running for and winning a seat
21 in the California Senate where he served until his retirement in 1996, ending a 38-year
22 career as a California lawmaker; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Milton Marks consistently and tirelessly championed the cause of
24 public libraries during his long and illustrious career in the California legislature, advocating
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1 year after year for a statewide library bond act, slowly building support for this concept so that
2 it was well accepted as a potential funding mechanism when the state economy improved
3 and such a bond initiative became feasible; and

4 WHEREAS, the successful passage by the voters of state library bond initiatives can
5 be largely attributed to the long years of advocacy in favor of such funding by Senator Marks;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the San Francisco Public Library that the name of an
8 individual may be added to the geographic name of a specific library where there are
9 compelling reasons making such an honor appropriate; and

10 WHEREAS, the policy in question states that the "person so honored will have
11 performed such a myriad of services and dedicated a substantial amount of energy, time,
12 resources, leadership . . . to improve and benefit the library in substantial ways; and

13 WHEREAS, the Library's policy on such renaming specifies that the "naming of a
14 library for a person is a rarity and that the dedication and service to the library [of the person
15 so honored] is recognized as rare, unique and of the highest quality"; and

16 WHEREAS, such a name change request should reflect the spirit of the library's
17 mission of free and equal access to information to all; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly clear that the resolve and dedication of Senator Milton
19 Marks to the cause of adequate financing for libraries in San Francisco and the rest of the
20 state meet and exceed the criteria set out in the San Francisco Public Library's Branch
21 Naming Policy; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors Urges the Library Commission to give full
23 consideration to a request to rename the Richmond Branch Library as the Richmond –
24 Senator Milton Marks Branch Library.



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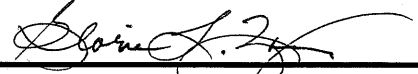
February 25, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,
Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Leno

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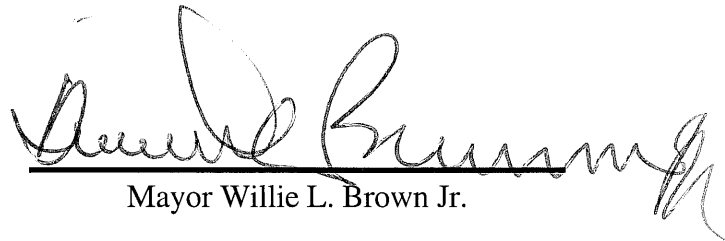
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.