

1 [Commending the Castro Theatre on its eightieth anniversary]

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3 **Resolution commending the Castro Theatre on the eightieth anniversary**
4 **of its historic theatre building and the Nasser family for their**
5 **ongoing refurbishment of the structure.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1922 the Nasser family, nickelodeon owners of the
8 first Castro Theatre located in the space now occupied by Cliff's
9 Variety, commissioned famed architect Timothy L. Pflueger to build
10 the magnificent Castro Theatre in its current location; and,

11 WHEREAS, Timothy L. Pflueger, an architect prominently noted for
12 his role in the Deco Theatre Movement who also created Oakland's
13 Paramount and San Francisco's Alhambra, designed the Castro Theatre
14 exterior in a Spanish Renaissance style and the interior as a Moorish
15 tent with Oriental Zodiac and Art Deco touches; and,

16 WHEREAS, Following the demolition of several Art Deco buildings
17 in the city and a petition drive by neighborhood residents to save
18 the structure, the Castro Theatre was designated San Francisco's one
19 hundredth historical landmark in 1977; and,

20 WHEREAS, Mel Novikoff, the theatre's manager during the late
21 1970's and early 1980's, is credited with transforming The Castro
22 into a successful art film house with a reputation for spontaneous
23 outbursts from expressive audiences sounding catcalls and approval;
24 and,

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Mark Lenq, Gavin Newsom, Aaron Peskin

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1 WHEREAS, The Art Deco influence is felt from the moment one
2 enters the theatre, and the nostalgic feeling of watching a classic
3 film is further enhanced by the Wurlitzer organ played before movie
4 screenings; and,

5 WHEREAS, Today, the Castro Theatre continues to be loved by our
6 City's residents and is the heart and anchor of The Castro District
7 hosting numerous film festivals and other entertainment events; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
10 of San Francisco hereby commends the Castro Theatre on its eightieth
11 anniversary; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Nasser family, which still owns the
13 Castro Theatre, is hereby commended for their ongoing refurbishment
14 of this great San Francisco landmark.

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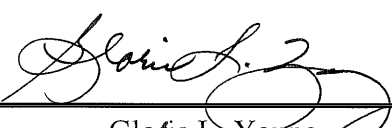
Resolution commending the Castro Theatre on the eightieth anniversary of its historic theatre building and the Nasser family for their ongoing refurbishment of the structure.

March 4, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

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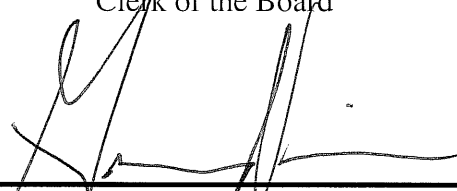
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 4, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.