Resolution commending San Francisco Deputy Public Defender Phoenix Streets.

WHEREAS, Phoenix Streets began working in the San Francisco Public Defender’s office in May of 2000 as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, During his time at the Public Defender’s office, he has handled hundreds of misdemeanor cases with distinction; and

WHEREAS, He has tried more misdemeanor cases in San Francisco than any other lawyer in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Among the notable cases he has handled (and one which was featured in the recent documentary film “Presumed Guilty”) was the acquittal of a long-term survivor of domestic abuse arrested while trying to turn in a gun belonging to her abuser; and

WHEREAS, He served in the United States Navy from 1986 to 1990, receiving an Expeditionary Medal for his Service during wartime or wartime conditions; and while in the Navy he was a suicide prevention and drug and alcohol abuse counselor; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1994 with a double major in Mass Communications and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Hastings College of the Law in 1997; where he was President of the Student Body Government and received an Outstanding Student Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, While at Hastings, he taught incarcerated teenage girls at the Youth Guidance Center in the subjects of Social Studies and Street Law; and

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WHEREAS, He worked to diversify "the wall" which commends members of Hastings College of the Law's Sixty-five Club (which recognizes senior professors) to make it more inclusive of people of color and women; and

WHEREAS, Before joining the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, he worked at the Alameda County office of Bay Area Legal Aid in the field of housing law, representing clients who were predominantly single women with children being evicted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Phoenix Streets for his outstanding service to the poor and indigent clients he has represented over the years and to his commitment to social justice and for his service to the people of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward a copy of the Resolution to the Public Defender.
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March 25, 2002  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 March 25, 2002 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.