

1 [Commendation- Kaiser Permanente San Francisco.]

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3 **Resolution commending Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center for its**  
4 **recognition by the American Heart Association at the “Celebrate with Heart 2002” Gala**  
5 **for twenty years of excellence in the field of cardiovascular medicine.**

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7 WHEREAS, In the City and County of San Francisco, the leading cause of death is  
8 ischemic heart disease ((IHD); and,

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is pleased to learn that at Kaiser  
10 Permanente San Francisco, patients have a significantly higher chance of surviving after a  
11 heart attack when compared with other hospitals across California; and,

12 WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente San Francisco was one of 13 Kaiser Permanente  
13 hospitals and one of two San Francisco hospitals that scored significantly higher than other  
14 hospitals across California, where only 32 of a total of 393 California hospitals were awarded  
15 with recognition by the “Report on Heart Attacks”; and,

16 WHEREAS, The “Report on Heart Attack Outcomes” looks at California hospitals’  
17 discharge data and the percentage of patients who survived 30 days after an acute  
18 myocardial infarction. It uses a risk-adjusted formula to account for factors that could  
19 influence outcome whether a patient had a pre-existing condition like diabetes, chronic renal  
20 failure or malignant tumors, where the infraction occurred and whether the person had  
21 undergone a coronary bypass graft; and,

22 WHEREAS, The report found that 12.1% of heart attack patients treated in California  
23 hospitals died within 30 days, but at Kaiser Permanente San Francisco, the risk-adjusted rate  
24 was much lower at 6.6%; and,

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1           WHEREAS, San Francisco was one of only ten hospitals in California that earned stars  
2 for superior performance in all three MI mortality; and,

3           WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente San Francisco's scores reflect a statewide trend  
4 during the 1990s of increased heart attack survival, which is largely attributed to greater use  
5 of aspirin when the attack strikes, aggressive and rapid treatment of patients in emergency  
6 rooms with thrombolytic, or clot-busting medications, surgery and enhanced prevention  
7 efforts; and,

8           WHEREAS, This report, along with a recent research presentation at an American  
9 Heart Association Scientific Sessions Conference that demonstrated that Kaiser Permanente  
10 members have a 30% lower chance of dying from heart disease than non-members,  
11 emphasized the triumph of Kaiser Permanente's integrated model of care; and,

12           WHEREAS, The integrated model of care gives Kaiser Permanente a tremendous  
13 advantage since it is able to manage all care under one roof. The successful introduction of  
14 cardiac clinical pathways and guidelines for the treatment of their patients with acute coronary  
15 syndromes, along with post-hospitalization health programs such as cholesterol management,  
16 stop-smoking classes, fitness and diabetes management program, has been tremendously  
17 beneficial to the health of Kaiser Permanente patients; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does  
19 hereby commend the Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center's cardiac services for  
20 its recent recognition at the "Celebrate with Heart 2002" Gala for twenty years of excellence in  
21 the field of cardiovascular medicine.



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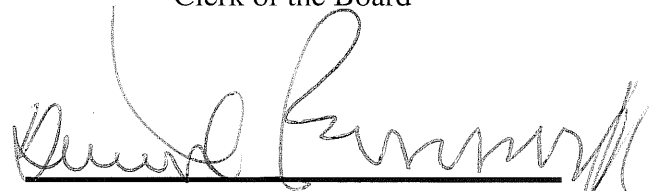
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 15, 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.