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RESOLUTION NO. 318-02

1 [Commending devorah major]

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3 **Resolution commending poet-novelist-educator devorah major as San Francisco's**
4 **third Poet Laureate**

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6 WHEREAS, devorah major's contributions as both a performer and poet has been
7 highly accessible and visible through San Francisco's many museums, schools, libraries,
8 clubs and other cultural institutions; and,

9 WHEREAS, Not only does Ms. major's substantial body of work reflect some of the
10 finest literature San Francisco has to offer, but utilizes a diversity of styles, languages and
11 approaches to poetry that encapsulates San Francisco's cultural heritage; and,

12 WHEREAS, In 1996 she was awarded the PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award for
13 Excellence in Literature for her first solo book of poetry, *Street Smarts*; and,

14 WHEREAS, Ms. major has had a highly prolific year: her new novel, *Brown Glass*
15 *Windows*, is to be released this month and her second book of poetry, *With More than*
16 *Tongue*, later this year; and,

17 WHEREAS, One of Ms. major's main goals for the Poet Laureate program is to bring in
18 a broader span of poetry that will "build bridges, provide a healing force between cultures and
19 let us learn about one another"; and,

20 WHEREAS, Her enthusiasm for working with youth and other local poets and extensive
21 community involvement within Bay Area schools and other institutions are invaluable assets to
22 our city's cultural community; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 hereby commends devorah major for her contribution to the San Francisco arts' community
25 and congratulates her as San Francisco's third Poet Laureate.



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

Absent: 1 - Newsom

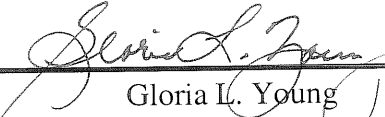
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on May 13, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.