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[Commendation for the Federal Ruling of the release of names of individuals detained in investigation for the September 11 terrorist attacks.]

**Resolution commending the Federal ruling mandating the release of the names of individuals who have been detained as part of the investigation of the September 11 terrorist attacks.**

WHEREAS, The Bush Administration has used the tragic events of September 11, 2001 to justify its appropriation of powers previously denied it by the Constitution of the United States of America, most notably expressed through the U.S. Department of Justice and the agencies under its jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, The Bush Administration, through the Department of Justice, the Immigration and Naturalization Services (I.N.S.) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) have detained over a thousand immigrants solely on the basis of their country of origin, their ethnic background, or ideological affiliations, and through Assistant Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson have ordered the I.N.S. to treat them as criminal suspects; and,

WHEREAS, The Justice Department has admitted that almost 1,200 people were detained by federal, state and local authorities following the September 11 attacks and many have already been deported; and,

WHEREAS, Through their own accounts the I.N.S have detained a total of 752 individuals on immigration violations in connections with "terrorist probe" and of those 752 detained 611 had secret hearings; and,

WHEREAS, The People for the American Way Foundation, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Center for National Security Studies and the Electronic Privacy Information brought forth a suit against the government for keeping the names secret, which conflicts with the statues of public information; and,

1           WHEREAS, Judge Kessler found that the government affidavits “nowhere declare that  
2 some or all of the detainees have connections to terrorism. Nor do they provide facts that  
3 would permit the court to infer links to terrorism”; and,

4           WHEREAS, On August 2, 2002 U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ruled that the  
5 United States must reveal the names of individuals detained in the investigation of the  
6 September 11, terrorist attacks; and,

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors along with the City and County of San  
8 Francisco commend Judge Kessler’s Federal ruling mandating the U.S. government to  
9 immediately release the names of the detainees, thereby upholding the civil liberties which the  
10 U.S. Constitution rightly bestows on each individual.

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