Resolution recognizing the tremendous contribution that Richard Lipner has made to the seniors of San Francisco and commending him for his dedication, and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

WHEREAS, Richard Howard Lipner came to California with his family in 1961 where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Richard’s desire to serve the elderly prompted him to begin his career at Goldman Insurance in San Francisco, then served as Assistant Director at the Home for Jewish Parents in Oakland, and finally accepting the position of Executive Director at Meals on Wheels of San Francisco in 1988; and,

WHEREAS, It was Richard’s vision and dedication that took the Meals on Wheels organization from small rented rooms on Sutter Street to ownership of a building on Fairfax Avenue that includes their own 7,000 square foot kitchen with a capability of serving over 6000 meals per day; and,

WHEREAS, In 1988, when Richard began, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco delivered approximately 165,000 meals and had an extensive waiting list, in 1999, he made a bold decision to eliminate the waiting list and in 2001 served almost 750,000 meals; and,
WHEREAS, Richard understands the changing needs of seniors and has reorganized
his staff and delivery systems to reflect those needs making available frozen, hot, and chilled
delivered meals as well providing a hot lunch for seniors at the Dorwin Jones congregate site
in the Trinity Church; and,

WHEREAS, During Richard's tenure, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco has been
recognized by the California State Senate, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of
San Francisco, Mayor Frank Jordan, and Mayor Willie Lewis Brown, Jr. for outstanding
community service and invaluable contributions to the seniors of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Richard himself has been honored by the Meals on Wheels Association of
America, the Meals on Wheels Fund, and Community Adult Day Health Services for superior
leadership and dedication. He has also provided expert testimony to the United States House
of Representatives on two occasions and served as a delegate to the 1995 White House
Conference on Aging; and,

WHEREAS, While serving as president of National Association of Meal Providers, he
instituted the first National Nutrition Certification Program that provides accreditation for
programs that demonstrate the highest standards of efficient and effective service to the its
community; and,

WHEREAS, Richard was instrumental in launching the Meals on Wheels Gala, an
annual fundraiser featuring San Francisco's top chefs and vintners. The Gala has raised over
2 million dollars and has become one of San Francisco's premier charity events. Overall,
Richard has raised more than $10,000,000.00 for general operating costs, excluding
$3,000,000.00 raised for the capital building fund; and,
WHEREAS, Richard is active in the community, and has served or is now serving on
the Board of Directors of the Meals on Wheels Association of America, the California
Association of Nutrition Directors for the Elderly, the In Home Supportive Services
Consortium of San Francisco, the Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly, Community Adult
Day Health Services, Project Meal Foundation, Community Advisory Committee of St. Francis
Memorial Hospital; the Services and Programs Advisory Committee of San Francisco Office
on Aging, and the Meals on Wheels Fund; and,

WHEREAS, Richard has been always been a standard bearer for excellence in
providing services to the elderly and ever diligent in his efforts to keep seniors in their homes
as long as possible; and,

WHEREAS, Richard is leaving Meals on Wheels of San Francisco after almost 15
years of exceptional commitment and leadership to pursue a role that will allow greater
opportunities to serve on a national level; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the tremendous
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him for his dedication, and does wish him well in future endeavors.

**Supervisor Maxwell **
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November 18, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 3 - Hall, Leno, Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 18, 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.