Resolution commending Randy Edward Riddle for 15 years of exemplary public service to San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney in the Government Law Division of the City Attorney's Office, and wishing him well in his future endeavors as General Counsel for the California Secretary of State.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco wishes to honor Randy Edward Riddle, who has given 15 years of dedicated and exemplary public service to San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney, first under City Attorney Louise H. Renne and then under City Attorney Dennis J. Herrera, and who is now leaving City employment to serve as General Counsel in Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's Office; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle has been one of the City's best and most effective lawyers, successfully representing the City in many significant lawsuits and matters of great public interest, and has devoted his extraordinary intellect and legal talents to advising and representing the offices and officials of the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District, including the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Board of Education, the Elections Department, the Purchasing Department, the Human Rights Commission, the Ethics Commission and many other boards, commissions, agencies and officials; and,

WHEREAS, The City, its voters and residents have benefited tremendously from Mr. Riddle's exemplary leadership and legal talents; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle joined the City Attorney's Office in 1985 after graduating from Golden Gate University School of Law and having done his undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame; and,
WHEREAS, As a Deputy City Attorney on the Government Team, Mr. Riddle drafted landmark legislation, such as the Charter amendment creating the Ethics Commission, litigated cases of major significance to the City, such as cases involving anti-discrimination ordinances and elections law, and helped handle complex transactional matters such as the contract for towing abandoned vehicles from the City's neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle took a leave of absence from the City Attorney's Office from 1995 to 1998 to serve as General Counsel to the Senate of the Republic of Palau; and,

WHEREAS, For the past four years Mr. Riddle has served as head of the Government Litigation Division and has successfully defended the City and County of San Francisco against a number of significant lawsuits challenging City ordinances, including voter-approved initiative measures, and other actions taken by the Board of Supervisors and City officers; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle has particularly distinguished himself in defending the City's MBE/WBE/LBE Ordinance against various lawsuits, including from attacks by the conservative Pacific Legal Foundation, and thereby promoting contracting opportunities for members of our community who have been historically excluded from work on City contracts; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle has extensive experience in elections law and is widely regarded as a leading expert in that legal field; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout his career in City government, Mr. Riddle excelled as a problem solver and was instrumental in crafting creative, practical and sound solutions to complex legal issues; and,

WHEREAS, As the supervisor of the City Attorney Office's Government Litigation Division and as a key member of the Office's Appellate Review Panel, Mr. Riddle has
demonstrated an extraordinary ability to motivate his colleagues to do their finest legal work
and realize their maximum potential; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle's adherence to the highest standards of ethical conduct have
ennobled public service and his strong work ethic has set an example for others to follow;
and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddle's colleagues in City government have valued him for his skill and
proficiency in the work he produced, and for his astute counsel, judgment, quick wit and
wonderfully dry sense of humor, leadership, commitment, calming influence, decency, integrity
and – most of all – his friendship, and they will dearly miss him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
hereby commends Randy Riddle for his 15 years of exemplary public service for the City and
County, its voters and residents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors wishes him well in his future
endeavors as General Counsel for the California Secretary of State; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County looks forward to working with Mr.
Riddle in his new role.
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April 22, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 22, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

APR 30 2003
Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.