Resolution urging the President of the United States of America to take actions necessary to guarantee the awarding of full American citizenship to every man and woman serving in the United States Armed Forces in the War in Iraq or upon their favorable discharge from the Armed Forces.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jose Guiterrez was one of the first two American soldiers killed in the war in Iraq on March 21, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, Posthumously, Jose Guiterrez was granted full American Citizenship for his courage and bravery to defend the freedoms of the United States and similar rights of freedom for all people worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Our Armed Forces are made up of many fine men and women who are not fully naturalized citizens of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The United States of America should recognize the courage of those individuals that step into the line of fire on behalf of America by awarding them full citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, At the funeral of Lance Corporal Guiterrez, Cardinal Roger Mahoney announced that he had forwarded a letter to the President of the United States urging him to provided full citizenship for those serving in the War in Iraq or who are favorably discharged from the Armed Forces; and,

WHEREAS, Cardinal Mahoney's letters stated "... there is something terribly wrong with our immigration policies if it takes death on the battlefield to earn citizenship;" and,
WHEREAS, During Cardinal Mahoney's homily, he remarked that our armed forces "...
should not have to wait until they are dead and brought home in a casket to give them the
citizenship they deserve;" now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
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 Supervisor Tony Hall
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April 29, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Newsom

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 29, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.