

1 [Resolution honoring artist Jose Lerma]

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3 **Resolution honoring the artistic contribution of Jose Ramon Lerma for his outstanding**  
4 **contribution to Bay Area abstract expressionism and his continuing work as a pioneer**  
5 **in the arts.**

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7 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma was born in 1930 in the Salinas Valley in California; and

8 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma was one of the important artists to emerge from the San  
9 Francisco Arts Institute in the 1950's;and

10 WHEREAS Jose Lerma studied under such noted instructors as Jean Varda, Hassel  
11 Smith, David Park, Nathan Oliviera and Edward Corbett; and

12 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma became a pioneer in painting, collage and experimental uses  
13 of found art objects in artistic compositions which influenced many artists; and

14 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma has had work exhibited in such prestigious galleries as the  
15 East-West Gallery, The Cellar, The Spatsa Gallery, SFMOMA, Intersection for the Arts, John  
16 Natsoulas Gallery, Encantada Gallery, Galeria de la Raza, the Chicago Museum of  
17 Contemporary Art and the Los Angeles Municipal Gallery; and

18 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma has become an inspiration to a younger generation of artists,  
19 not only by example of the rich visual and structural vocabulary embodied by his works, but  
20 also by his direct involvement in the community and his mentoring of younger artists; and

21 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma served in the Korean War and used his experience to fuel his  
22 work and energize the anti-war movement of the 1960's; and

23 WHEREAS, Jose Lerma has successfully integrated the influences of a wide variety of  
24 cultures and places in an original and dynamic style which is entirely his own; now, therefore,  
25 be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the important  
2 achievements of Jose Ramon Lerma and his pioneering contributions to the arts and cultural  
3 life of San Francisco, California and the United States on the occasion of his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday,  
4 April 13, 2004.

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April 13, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin

Absent: 3 - Ammiano, Daly, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 13, 2004 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 Gavin Newsom