[Resolution Urging Governor Schwarzenegger and the California Legislature to Ensure That California Gets Its Fair Share of Federal Funding.]

Resolution Urging Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California Congressional Delegation, and the State Legislature to work together to ensure that the 2006 federal budget now under consideration provides California its fair share of federal funding.

WHEREAS, California is the largest state in the nation with more than 36 million residents and more than 12% of the nation's population; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's diverse population accounts for a large percentage of California's taxpayers and contributes to California's growth; and,

WHEREAS, Last year Californians paid $50 billion more in taxes to the federal government than they got back in federal services and spending, and the total reached more than $300 billion for the past nine years; and,

WHEREAS, California's economy, especially in San Francisco, during the recession saw an even sharper drop in revenues than many states, counties and cities because of the importance of the high tech sector to our economy, and at the same time, the recession led to greater demand on state and county services as people lost their jobs, their health insurance, and even their homes; and,

WHEREAS, While California grapples with finding ways to provide health care, education, food assistance and childcare to more than 6 million poor and uninsured Californians, we receive proportionately less federal monies for social services than other states; and,
WHEREAS, The federal poverty level which is $9,310 for a single person and is $18,850 for a family of four, is not sufficient to support a family in any area of California; and,
WHEREAS, California has the nation's largest number of Medicaid enrollees but ranks last in federal Medicaid spending per enrollee; and,
WHEREAS, San Francisco may face a loss of approximately $17 million due to federal reductions in Medicaid funding; and,
WHEREAS, California and 12 other states also get the lowest matching rate for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known in California as "Healthy Families;" and,
WHEREAS, California, with 12% of the population, receives only 9.1% of federal highway funds, and if we got a percentage based on population, we would receive an additional $900 million each year in funding for highway projects and transportation; and,
WHEREAS, The federal government underfunded the "No Child Left Behind Act" by more than $700 million for California in 2005 alone; and,
WHEREAS, California is owed more than $1 billion for the underfunded "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;" and,
WHEREAS, California is the number one agricultural producer and exporter and grows more than half of the nation's fruits and vegetables but California farmers collect just 3.7% of federal agricultural subsidies; and,
WHEREAS, California has been a donor state since 1987 and it is time to change the outdated federal formulas that routinely shortchange Californians; and,
WHEREAS, California is uniquely positioned to change the outdated formulas because Californians now chair the key Appropriations, Way and Means, Rules,
Resources, and Armed Forces committees of the House of Representatives; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California Congressional Delegation, and the State Legislature to work together in a bi-partisan coalition to ensure that the 2006 federal budget now under consideration provides California its fair share of federal funding.

Supervisor Jake McGoldrick
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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March 29, 2005  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin
Excused: 2 - Daly, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 29, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

File No. 050521

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom