Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors to change the name of the MUNI Metro East Maintenance Facility to the "Willie L. Brown, Jr. Light Rail Facility."

WHEREAS, Willie Brown served as a member of the California State Assembly for over thirty years and as speaker for 15; and,

WHEREAS, This is the longest anyone has ever served in the California State Assembly and will continue to be the longest due to current term limits; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Brown also served as mayor of San Francisco from 1996-2004; and

WHEREAS, Willie Brown has been at the heart of California politics for over four decades and continues to serve as a leader through the Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Brown is known for his charismatic and charming personality, and his ability to complete projects and work across the political spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Willie Brown is considered by many to be one of the most effective politicians of his time; and

WHEREAS, During Willie Brown's tenure as mayor of San Francisco he was able to complete many large capital projects and public beautification projects; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Brown increased the safety of MUNI riders by implementing the Municipal Transit Assistance Program in 1996; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Brown was also able to secure millions of dollars for MUNI to build the Third Street Light Rail; and,
WHEREAS; Willie Brown was responsible for the construction of the “T” Third Street Light Rail Line, a MUNI metro train, that runs between West Portal Station and Sunnydale Avenue inbound, and between Sunnydale Avenue and Embarcadero Station outbound, where it becomes the K Ingleside; and,

WHEREAS, The T line is 5.1 miles of light rail with 18 stations, over 100 pieces of public art including street light improvements and enhanced streetscapes; and

WHEREAS, The T line also provided 317 jobs for the neighborhoods that it services; and,

WHEREAS, As mayor, Willie Brown also created the availability for rider’s to use real-time transit arrival information from Next Bus Information Systems Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, All of these improvements to San Francisco’s public transit system have greatly benefited the residents of San Francisco, small businesses, and the economic future of the neighborhoods that MUNI services; and, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to honor the legacy of Willie Brown and name of the Metro East Maintenance Facility to the “Willie L. Brown, Jr. Light Rail Facility.”
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November 18, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 18, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved
11/25/2008

Mayor Gavin Newsom