Resolution commending Robert A. Corrigan for twenty years of remarkable service as President of San Francisco State University.

WHEREAS, Robert A. Corrigan has served as president of San Francisco State University for a remarkable twenty years and during his tenure he has graduated over 100,000 students from SF State; and,

WHEREAS, Under President Corrigan's leadership, SF State has become one of the preeminent urban universities in the country with a majority of its students coming from San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin and Alameda counties; and,

WHEREAS, President Corrigan exemplifies SF State's commitment to the core values of equity and social justice through the diversity of its students and employees, the content and delivery of its academic programs and support systems, and the opportunities for both campus and external constituencies to engage in meaningful discourse and activity; and,

WHEREAS, During his tenure, President Corrigan has been a champion for faculty and student diversity – of the 740 new tenure-track faculty he has hired 71% have been women and/or minorities; and,

WHEREAS, During his tenure, President Corrigan has actively engaged with key community, civic and business organizations to further the University's partnership with the City and County of San Francisco and to increase our community of scholars that are underrepresented in college classrooms; and,

WHEREAS, One of those partnerships is the innovative SF Promise Program, which guarantees every student who graduates from a San Francisco public high school and who meets admission requirements a place at San Francisco State – and financial help, if it is needed; and,
WHEREAS, Under President Corrigan's leadership, SF State has invested over $540 million in state and non-state funds to build significant facilities that enhance the experience for students, faculty, staff and the community, including major additions to the Fine Arts and Education buildings and to the Student Center, a new Child Care Center, a new Humanities Building, a new student Village which includes housing, a four story building for Student Affairs, parking and a “one stop shopping” center for student services, the start of construction for a new $120 million library, which will include the latest technology in book retrieval, and will open to San Francisco residents and the neighboring community, and architectural planning for a new Creative Arts facility on the southwest corner of the campus; and,

WHEREAS, President Corrigan oversees the adoption of the University’s Campus Master Plan which will guide the University’s growth through the year 2020 and reflects the University’s commitment to environmental sustainability, its desire to remain strongly connected to the city, region and state—and its determination to always be a place of opportunity, a partner and a resource; and,

WHEREAS, President Corrigan understands that providing our city and our state with an educated workforce is central to its economic revitalization and he has instituted many partnerships; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends President Robert A. Corrigan for his twenty years of service to San Francisco State University and to the entire City; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends President Corrigan’s commitment to access; to pairing that access with excellence; to seeking and supporting diversity in all its forms; to educating students for lives of principled, compassionate and active citizenship; and to modeling on campus the world in which we would like to live.
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January 6, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 6, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom