Resolution recognizing the Grand Reopening of the Parkside Branch Library and commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard work and commitment to San Francisco and its residents.

WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for sixteen branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, three branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in Mission Bay; and,

WHEREAS, The Parkside Branch Library has been fully renovated and expanded and will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, November 6th at 1:00 pm; and,

WHEREAS, Originally built in 1951 and designed by Appleton & Wolfard, this mid-century modern gem is now seismically safe and fully accessible and has been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the neighborhood for many more decades to come; and,

WHEREAS, The architecture team of THA Architecture Inc. and Karin Payson architecture + design took great care to preserve the modernist characteristics of the single-story, ranch-style building while bringing the facility into the 21st century in terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and changes in library service; and,

WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include a small addition, new accessible restrooms and entry ramps, seismic upgrading, technological updating, new furnishings, new teen area, updated children's section, a refreshed books and materials collection, and a beautifully landscaped outside patio; and,
WHEREAS, The Parkside Branch renovation is the first branch of ten in the Branch Library Improvement Program designed and built to silver certification standards or greater under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system; and,

WHEREAS, Green features at the Parkside Branch include renewable and biodegradable cork flooring, a dedicated collection area for recycling and compostable materials, extensive use of regional and rapidly renewable materials, efficient fixtures such as low-flow faucets, windows that allow natural lighting to shine through, open for ventilation, and are glazed to maximize the efficiency of the building’s heating system, drought tolerant plants, and a children’s Play-to-Learn panel that helps budding environmentalists learn about recyclable materials through play; and,

WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch renovation by providing Bookmobile service near McCoppin Square and continuing preschool storytimes at the Taraval Police Station; and,

WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works’ Project Management Bureau and Bureau of Construction Management, LC General Engineering & Construction, Inc., Library Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the community who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the celebration of the rededication of the Parkside Branch Library on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the branch, 1200 Taraval Street (at 22nd Avenue); and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works, members of the Parkside neighborhood, and the entire team that made this project so successful for their dedication and hard work.
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October 26, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi
Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/26/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board