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1 [Oliver W. Sipple Day - September 22, 2011]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 22, 2011, as Oliver W. Sipple Day in San Francisco to**  
4 **honor a gay American hero, who on September 22, 1975, saved the life of President**  
5 **Gerald Ford outside of St. Francis Hotel in Union Square in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, February 2, 2011, marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the passing of Oliver W.  
8 Sipple, a working class, gay, disabled, veteran who became a heroic resident of the City of  
9 San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, On September 22, 1975, Oliver W. Sipple intervened by lunging towards  
11 Sara Jane Moore and diverting the direction of the gun she fired in an attempt to assassinate  
12 President Gerald Ford as the President was leaving the St. Francis Hotel in Union Square;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In the national spotlight after his heroic act, the press exposed Mr. Sipple  
15 as a gay man, contrary to his wishes; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Sipple had to face the scorn of his parents who refused to talk to him  
17 when they discovered his sexual orientation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Sipple fought back, by filing an invasion of privacy lawsuit against  
19 seven newspapers for violating his request to maintain his private life private; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Sipple was also a decorated US Marine and Vietnam veteran who  
21 was forced to end his tour of duty prematurely when he was injured by shrapnel during  
22 combat; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes Oliver W.  
24 Sipple as a gay American veteran and hero; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, In recognition of the special contributions of Mr. Sipple to our  
2 city and country, the San Francisco Board of Supervisor declares September 22, 2011, Oliver  
3 W. Sipple day.  
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**Resolution**

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February 15, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/15/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Edwin Lee

Date Approved