

1 [Resolution Declaring June 23, 2012, Justice for Vincent Chin Day in San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution declaring June 23, 2012, as Justice for Vincent Chin Day and recognizing**
4 **the 30th anniversary of the death of Vincent Chin in the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, On June 19, 1982, Vincent Chin, a Chinese American from Detroit, was
8 brutally beaten with a baseball bat by two unemployed autoworkers who mistakenly identified
9 him as Japanese and blamed him for the loss of American automobile manufacturing jobs;
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11 WHEREAS, On June 23, 1982, Vincent Chin died as a result of the bias-motivated
12 hate crime; and

13 WHEREAS, The murder of Vincent Chin and the controversy surrounding the
14 extremely light sentences of 3 months probation and \$3,000 fines drew national and
15 international attention and outrage; and

16 WHEREAS, The death of Vincent Chin brought the Asian American community
17 together with other communities of color and civil rights groups advocating against
18 discrimination and bias-motivated hate crimes; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of Detroit's Asian American community formed American
20 Citizens for Justice (ACJ) in 1983, leading a national campaign to seek justice for Vincent
21 Chin; and

22 WHEREAS, Members of the San Francisco Bay Area community formed Asian
23 Americans for Justice (AAJ), along with other community groups, including the Asian Law
24 Caucus, Cameron House, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Chinese American
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1 Citizens Alliance, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Chinese Progressive Association, Japanese
2 American Citizens League, and others to raise awareness; and

3 WHEREAS, Lily Chin, Vincent's mother, and other members of American Citizens for
4 Justice from Detroit, joined AAJ at Cameron House in San Francisco's Chinatown in 1983 for
5 the purpose of educating the San Francisco community about the issue of anti-Asian hate
6 crimes; and

7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 recognizes June 23, 2012, as the 30th anniversary of the death of Vincent Chin; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 hereby offer our words of sympathy and praise as a memorial for the life of Vincent Chin and
12 the community movement for justice that grew after his death; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
14 Francisco declare June 23, 2012 Justice for Vincent Chin Day in San Francisco.



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June 19, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/19/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

6/25/12

Date Approved