

1 [Commendation - Laura Lai - Distinguished Service]

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3 **Resolution commending Laura Lai for her lifetime of community activism, civil rights**
4 **advocacy, and documentation of Chinese American history, and declaring April 27,**
5 **2013, as Laura Lai Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Laura Lai (née Jung) came to San Francisco in 1949 as a young
8 immigrant, became a student in the San Francisco public schools, and graduated from Galileo
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Laura Lai soon joined Mun Ching (the Chinese American Democratic
11 Youth League), a progressive organization in the Chinese American community, at a time
12 when such organizations were subject to surveillance and harassment by the federal
13 government and some elements of the Chinese American community; and

14 WHEREAS, Laura Lai has ever since continued to engage in progressive causes and
15 community service; and

16 WHEREAS, Laura Lai tirelessly supported her late husband Him Mark Lai's
17 groundbreaking research into Chinese American history, including by serving as the chauffeur
18 for her non-driving husband; and

19 WHEREAS, Laura Lai has made generous donations of money and materials to the
20 Chinese Historical Society of America, the San Francisco Public Library, the University of
21 California, Berkeley, Friends of Roots, and many other community organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Laura Lai always says "I am a lucky girl," when all of San Francisco is
23 most fortunate to have benefitted from her lifetime of community activism, civil rights
24 advocacy, and documentation of Chinese American history; and

25 WHEREAS, Laura Lai serves as a key advisor to Friends of Roots and the Roots: Him Mark

1 Lai Family History Project; and

2 WHEREAS, Laura Lai is being honored by the Friends of Roots on the occasion of
3 their fourth annual "Eat. Root. Love." Gala on April 27, 2013; now therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 commends and congratulates Laura Lai for her decades of service to our community; and be
6 it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco declares April 27, 2013, as Laura Lai Day in the City and County of San Francisco.



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Resolution

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April 23, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/23/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

May 1, 2013

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board