Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor David Chiu for his distinguished service as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, Supervisor David Chiu has served the residents of District 3 and the people of the City and County of San Francisco with dedication for six years; and

WHEREAS, On his first day in office on January 8, 2009, Supervisor Chiu was elected President of the Board of Supervisors by his colleagues, making him the first Asian American to hold the position, and he became the longest-serving Board President of the modern era after he was re-elected in 2011 and 2013, and

WHEREAS, Before being elected to public office, Supervisor Chiu worked as a Congressional staffer, civil rights attorney, criminal prosecutor, and co-founder of a small business, and he volunteered as board chair of a local neighborhood association and an affordable housing nonprofit, among other community activities; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu's civil approach, calm demeanor and focus on consensus-building have improved the tone in City Hall and brought a renewed focus on getting things done in the City's legislature; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu authored and passed over 100 ordinances and 240 resolutions across an incredible range of policy areas, including affordable housing, job creation, workforce development, civil rights, language access, public safety, the environment, urban agriculture, health care, transportation, ethics and technology, as he delivered for tenants, workers, families, seniors, immigrants, small businesses, artists and others; and
WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu fought for sound fiscal policy by authoring and campaigning in 2009 for Proposition A, a Charter amendment that reformed the budget process to require two-year budgeting, rainy day reserve, and five-year financial planning; and

WHEREAS, On the City’s Capital Planning Committee, Supervisor Chiu forcefully championed the first Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond in 2010 as well as the second bond in 2014, better preparing San Francisco for natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, After years of advocacy dating from his time as a Small Business Commissioner, Supervisor Chiu helped to lead the successful 2012 effort to replace the City’s unique and burdensome payroll tax with a business tax based on gross receipts, fostering job growth and increasing revenues for much-needed City services; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu authored many first-in-the-country laws, including establishing the right of workers to request flexible and predictable work schedules, phasing out plastic water bottles on public lands, setting the nation’s highest standards for energy audits of commercial buildings, providing local contracting preferences for socially responsible companies, and establishing right to civil counsel programs for low-income tenants and immigrants; he also successfully passed legislation in policy areas stymied by years of debate, including allowing condominium conversions for tenancy-in-common owners while protecting tenants, providing a path to legalization for thousands of in-law housing units, and regulating short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu and his staff worked on dozens of neighborhood projects throughout District 3, from rebuilding the North Beach Library and Chinese Recreation Center, ushering in new Joe DiMaggio and Waterfront Playgrounds, creating Community Benefit Districts on Broadway and Lower Polk, championing a new Central Subway, Chinese Hospital and North Beach/Chinatown City College campus, funding the restoration of Coit Tower and
its historic murals, and pioneering participatory budgeting practices to allow residents to
directly vote on how neighborhood projects are funded; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu helped to further the renaissance of the City’s northeast
waterfront through his support of projects such as the new Exploratorium at Pier 15, a new
Cruise Ship Terminal and public open space at Pier 27, and the pedestrian and bicycle
improvements on Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Chiu’s service on the Board of Supervisors will conclude on
December 1, 2014, when he is sworn in as a Member of the California State Assembly to
represent Assembly District 17; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the officers,
employees and residents of the City, do hereby publicly recognize the significant contributions
that Supervisor David Chiu has made to the people of San Francisco; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board, on behalf of the entire City family, wishes
Supervisor David Chiu well as he continues to advance the public good for years to come.
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November 25, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee
Excused: 1 - Cohen

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/25/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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