Resolution supporting a full investigation into the disappearance of 43 students from Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico.

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2014, in the Mexican City Iguala, Guerrero, 43 students from the Ayotzinapa Rural University (Escuela Normal) were taken by force and are still missing; and

WHEREAS, The students were mostly children from poor, rural families who were training to become teachers to serve the rural and indigenous poor; and

WHEREAS, The Mexican authorities failed to promptly and diligently take action and did not start to search for the missing students and adequately protect the survivors and the families without delay; and

WHEREAS, The recent events in Guerrero expose serious issues of impunity, collusion between police officers and organized crime gangs and excessive use of force and therefore must be addressed for remedial action; and

WHEREAS, This incident reverberates with the experience of many San Francisco residents whose families have suffered similar violence in Latin America, including the 60,000 Mexican Americans residing in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco formally expresses their support for the bereaved relatives and students, and respectfully request an independent international inquiry into the events that happened in Iguala, including a full investigation into the disappearances, and exhaustive establishment of all responsibilities and the prosecution and effective condemnation of the responsible at all levels, in line with international standards of justice; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Andrés Roemer, the Consul General of Mexico in San Francisco, the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Members of the United States Congress representing the City and County of San Francisco and surrounding regions.
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February 03, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 150093

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/3/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor

2/13/2015
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