Amendment of the Whole in Board FILE NO. 010338 2/26/01 RESOLUTION NO.

[MILTON WOLFF AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE DAY PROCLAMATION.]

176-01

Resolution declaring July 25, 2001 as Commander Milton Wolff and Abraham Lincoln Brigade Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, American volunteers, most without military training of any kind, traveled to Spain between 1936 -1938 to defend the democratically elected Spanish Republic against fascism; and,

WHEREAS, These volunteers formed the Abraham Lincoln battalion, George Washington battalion, and the MacKenzie-Papineau battalion (with Canadian volunteers), often collectively referred to, and popularly known as, the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and,

WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Brigade distinguished itself in battle against superior forces at Jarama, Pingarron Hill, Brunete, Villanueva de la Canada, Romanillos Heights, Mosquito Crest, Quinto, Belchite, Fuentes de Ebro, Monte Peligrossa, Teruel, Caspe, Gandesa, Fatarella, Hill 666, and elsewhere; and,

WHEREAS, Milton Wolff, veteran of every action the battalion participated in beginning with Brunete, having begun his service in a machine-gun company of the George Washington battalion, was made the final Commander of the Lincoln battalion at age twenty-two in March

SUPERVISOR GONZALEZ, PESKIN, DALY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of 1938 (succeeding James Harris, Robert Merriman, Van den Berghe, Martin Hourihan, Oliver Law, Mirko Markovicz, Hans Amlie, Leonard Lamb, and Philip Detro); and,

WHEREAS, On July 25, 1938, under the leadership of Commander Wolff, the Lincoln Brigade crossed the Ebro River, without air support or artillery, diverting fascist troops from the Republican held city of Valencia; and,

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Brigade served the Spanish Republic and cause of freedom with honor until the International Brigades were withdrawn from the front lines in October of 1938; and,

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln Brigade veterans of the Spanish Civil War have continued their efforts against fascism through the organization known as the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That July 25, 2001 be declared Commander Milton Wolff and Abraham Lincoln Brigade Day in San Francisco in commemoration of the day in 1938 when Commander Wolff and the Lincoln Brigade crossed the Ebro River and began the successful Ebro Offensive in Spain.

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February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

 February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yee

February 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Peskin, Sandoval Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yee File No. 010338

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on February 26, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Clerk of the Board Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

MAR () 9 2001 Date Approved

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