[Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center.]

Resolution supporting the re-opening of the newly established Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center, the main project of the Foundation and the Filipino Artists, Writers and Performers, which is currently located at the Filipino Education Center.

WHEREAS, The Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center, Archives and Museum Foundation ("Center"), was recently founded in memory of the late Dr. Jorge Bocobo, who as a former President of the University of the Philippines and one of the first Philippine Government *pensionados* (scholars) sent to an American university where he earned his law degree at Indiana University the first of its kind in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bocobo along with his daughter, Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat, as its Founder/Director created the mission of the Center, as:

- 1. To interweave Filipino culture into the American pattern and to enhance the awareness of American Filipinos of their rich, cultural heritage through Filipino dances, songs, art shows, book exhibits, cultural arts programs, literary and musical presentations, and the talents and creations of the Filipino artists, writers, performers and Filipino American youth; and
- 2. To integrate Filipino arts into the American society and the multi-ethnic communities, through the annual Philippine-American Cultural Celebrations on June 12th, which celebrates four Philippine holidays, including Philippine Independence Day, the birthday of Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, American Independence Day and Filipino-American Friendship Day; and,

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WHEREAS, Despite its large population in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area the Filipino-American community does not have a cultural center such as the African American Center for the Arts, the Japantown Center, the Mexican Museum, the Jewish Museum, among others; and,

WHEREAS, The Filipino Education Center, located at 824 Harrison Street, was built and established in 1976, as a Filipino Bilingual School with Ross Quema hired as its first Principal; and,

WHEREAS, Since the Filipino Education Center was recently officially closed by the San Francisco Unified School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby support the re-opening of the Filipino Education Center, otherwise known as the "home" of the newly established Dr. Jorge Bocobo Philippine-American Cultural Center, Archives and Museum in order to retain the Filipino Immersion Program which will provide for after-school hours classes so that students are given the opportunity to learn all aspects of Filipino culture and arts.



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Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,

Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 2 - Daly, Maxwell

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 1, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Roard