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Resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the United States bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, expressing solidarity with the Hibakusha, acknowledging the human suffering of victims and survivors, and imploring all nations to use all

[Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki]

diplomatic and preventive efforts to cease the proliferation and use of nuclear

weapons.

WHEREAS, On August 6, 1945, the U.S. military dropped an atomic bomb on the City of Hiroshima from the *Enola Gay*; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 140,000 of the 400,000 residents of the City of Hiroshima died within a week of the bombing; and,

WHEREAS, Lasting damage from the nuclear fallout resulted in approximately 70,000 additional deaths and devastated the environment; and,

WHEREAS, Three days later, on August 9, 1945, a B-29 bomber dropped an atomic bomb on the City of Nagasaki, killing over 70,000 people and wounding an additional 70,000 and destroying 80% of the structures and buildings in the city; and,

WHEREAS, Admiral William Leahy, Truman's wartime Chief of Staff who chaired the Joint Chiefs of Staff, poignantly observed "the use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan. The Japanese were already defeated and ready to surrender... In being the first to use it, we adopted the ethical standard common to the barbarians of the Dark Ages";

WHEREAS, The Bush Administration's policies, according to Joseph Cirincione, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's nuclear expert, is now "saying that nuclear weapons are no longer the weapon of last resort";

WHEREAS, On August 6, 2004, the Mayor of Hiroshima, Mayors for Peace President Tadatoshi Akiba, proclaimed in his annual Peace Declaration the commencement of a Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commemorates the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, expresses solidarity with the Hibakusha, acknowledges the human suffering of victims and survivors, and implores all nations to use all diplomatic and preventive efforts to cease the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

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August 2, 2005 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 2, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

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Clerk of the Board