

1 [Commendation for Father Gerard Jean-Juste]  
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3 **Resolution commending Father Gerard Jean-Juste for his great sacrifice, courage and**  
4 **commitment in fighting for democracy and justice for the people of Haiti.**

5 WHEREAS, Father Jean-Juste has been highly effective at fighting violence through  
6 peaceful means. When he was forced into exile for criticizing the Duvalier dictatorship, his  
7 lawsuit won a judgement against Jean-Claude Duvalier in Miami Federal Court; and

8 WHEREAS, During Haiti's nine years of elected government (1994-2004), he worked  
9 with victims of past dictatorships to hold those administrations accountable for human rights  
10 abuses. From the pulpit and from the microphone of his popular radio show, he spoke out  
11 forcefully and eloquently against violence; and,

12 WHEREAS, Father Jean-Juste continued to fearlessly speak out for justice after the  
13 unconstitutional interim regime replaced Haiti's elected government in February 2004,  
14 denouncing human rights violations in the Haitian and international press; and,

15 WHEREAS, Father Jean-Juste was imprisoned in 2004 and then released seven  
16 weeks later as a result of an outpouring of international pressure. He was arrested again in  
17 July 2005 and was imprisoned for seven months without formal charges; and,

18 WHEREAS, Father Jean-Juste was declared a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty  
19 International and was finally released in January 2006 and is currently receiving  
20 chemotherapy treatment for leukemia in Miami; and,

21 WHEREAS, Father Jean-Juste' leadership and commitment to providing services to  
22 Haitian people with love has made it possible for 1000 area residents, primarily children, to  
23 receive their only meal of the day and over 50 children to attend school for the first time.

24 BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of San Francisco commend Father Gerard Jean-  
25 Juste for his great courage and commitment to democracy and justice for the people of Haiti.



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## Tails Resolution

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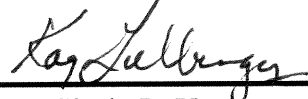
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Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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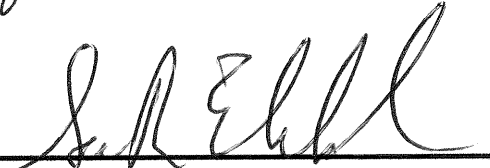
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED** on August 15, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



*for* Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

8/17/2006

Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom