

1 [Black Cat Café Plaque for 710 Montgomery Street.]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the placement of a plaque in the sidewalk in front of 710**  
4 **Montgomery Street to honor the Black Cat Café.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Black Cat Café was a welcoming saloon for Bohemians and  
7 freethinkers from 1933 to 1963; and

8 WHEREAS, The Black Cat Café also welcomed gays and lesbians during times of  
9 widespread prejudice and oppression; and

10 WHEREAS, The Black Cat Café's owner, Sol Stoumen, stood up for the rights of his  
11 clients to gather peaceably, and in doing so played an important role in the 1951 California  
12 Supreme Court case that prohibited revoking liquor licenses solely on the bases of catering to  
13 homosexual clientele; and

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15 WHEREAS, Jose Sarria, the Black Cat Café's most prominent and beloved entertainer,  
16 became famous for his operatic voice and bawdy humor; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
18 commends the contributions of the Black Cat Café to the social and cultural life of the City.

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of  
20 San Francisco further recognizes the contributions of the Black Cat Café by authorizing the  
21 placement of a plaque in the sidewalk in front of 710 Montgomery Street.  
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Supervisor Peskin, *Elsbernd*  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Resolution

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May 15, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Dufty

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on May 15, 2007 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

MAY 18 2007

Date Approved

Kay Gulbengay  
Interim Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom