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24 25 [Urging federal authorities to approve the citizenship of Shirley Tan and pass the Uniting American Families Act.]

Resolution urging federal authorities to remove obstacles to United Citizenship for Shirley Tan, and urging the passage of the Uniting American Families Act (UAFA, H.R. 1024, S. 424).

WHEREAS. The home of Shirley Tan and Jay Mercado was entered and searched by authorities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement who then arrested Shirley Tan for alleged violations of immigration law, and

WHEREAS, Shirley Tan has been in a committed relationship with Jay Mercado, a citizen of the United States of America, for over 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Tan and Jay Mercado were legally married in 2004 and, further, registered as domestic partners; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Tan and Jay Mercado are the parents of twelve-year old sons Joriene and Jashley, and are American family in every respect, except as recognized by United States law; and

WHEREAS, United States law has long provided a clear path to citizenship for individuals who risk persecution in their home countries, and for individuals in loving, committed relationships with United States citizens, and

WHEREAS, The United States has afforded rights on a particular class of individuals while denying other individuals the same rights in violation of the constitutional principles of due process and equal protection, and in violation of principles of decency and fairness; and, now, be it

RESOLVED. That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges federal authorities to take immediate steps to grant Shirley Tan legal United States citizenship; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress to speedily pass the Uniting American Families Act (UAFA, H.R. 1024, S. 424) to halt the destruction of similarly situated American families; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is requested that the Clerk of the Board forward this resolution to the members of the California Congressional delegation.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 14, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom