San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Resolution
Congratulating Alecia DeCoudreaux
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Education Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Founded in 1842, Mills College was the first women's college established west of the Rockies and has become a nationally celebrated independent liberal arts and sciences college where, in 2011, Alecia DeCoudreaux became the 13th President; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. DeCoudreaux brings to the Office of the President an extensive and distinguished professional background, including the positions of Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Eli Lilly & Company, a Fortune 125 company; Executive Director of Research, Planning, and Scientific Administration at Lilly Research Laboratories, and, later, Vice President, Law; as well as leadership service for key community organizations such as the Economic Club of the Indiana Board of Governors, the Indiana University Foundation, and on the Women's Fund of Central Indiana; and, as a graduate of Wellesley College, she served for many years on the Board of Trustees as well as President of the Board; and,

WHEREAS, Mills College will host a delegation of global women leaders in April 2015 as part of the Women in Public Service Project, a transformational initiative begun by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to tap the network of U.S. women's colleges to train and guide women leaders in public service from countries in transition; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Alecia DeCoudreaux, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Education Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Congratulating Rita Semel
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights
Community Building Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Rita Semel has done more for interfaith relations in San Francisco than virtually any other individual in our community; she was a founder of United Religions Initiative, the San Francisco Interfaith Council, and the Interfaith Center at the Presidio, and has served as Associate Editor of the Jewish Community Bulletin; she currently holds leadership positions at the New Israel Fund and Catholic Charities Christian Youth Organization; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Semel has served as Trustee of the Graduate Theological Union, Chair of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio, and Executive Vice Chair of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, and was recently appointed to the Human Services Commission by Mayor Edwin M. Lee; importantly, she was a delegate to the UN World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China in 1995.

WHEREAS, Ms. Semel has an endowment in her name through the San Francisco Interfaith Council that ensures that the San Francisco Interfaith Council can provide a steady and dependable source of support for interfaith education, cooperation, and service for years to come; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Rita Semel, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Award for Community Building, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Resolution Congratulating Becca Prowda
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Global and Sustainability Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Becca Prowda is a Senior Manager of Corporate Affairs for Levi Strauss & Co. where she manages corporate involvement with community partners and employee engagement; recently, she launched the highly successful Levi’s Go Water<Less™ Challenge where employees were asked to think of the environment before washing their jeans needlessly; and, the Challenge was conducted in conjunction with the release of the new Levi’s Water<Less™ jeans that save the company 172 million liters of water by using a less water-intensive finishing process; and, for the challenge winners, Levi’s underwrote grants to five non-profits that work to bring clean drinking water to communities in need; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Prowda currently serves on the Board of Directors at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, where she is the Vice Chair of the Committee on Trustees, and at the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library; and, until recently, Ms. Prowda served as a Commissioner on the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Becca Prowda, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Global and Sustainability Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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Congratulating Elizabeth Aguilar-Tarchi
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights
Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Aguilar-Tarchi has served as an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco for over 27 years, as well as the statewide board of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence; in 2009, she was awarded the Vagina Warrior Award by the Filipina Women’s Network and the V-Day Committee for her work in prosecuting the high profile homicide case People v. Tari Ramirez which resulted in a second-degree murder conviction and a sentence of 16 years to life in prison; and,

WHEREAS, For over a decade, Ms. Aguilar-Tarchi has worked closely with the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women’s “Justice and Courage Project” to address problems in the criminal justice system’s response to domestic violence cases; and, in 2004-2005, helped draft the existing policies and procedures manual of the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence Unit; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilar-Tarchi regards the supplemental domestic violence forms now in use by the San Francisco Police Department to document all incidents of domestic violence and the establishment of the vertical prosecution unit and court to handle all misdemeanor domestic violence cases as her most significant contributions; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Liz Aguilar-Tarchi, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Claire Joyce Tempongko Memorial Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Resolution

Congratulating Catherine Dodd

Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Government Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Dr. Catherine Dodd’s tireless commitment to women’s health began nearly 40 years ago when she was a teen peer counselor at Planned Parenthood and has continued throughout her 30-year career; her roles have included staff to a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Director of Government Relations for the California American Nurses Association, member of the Clinton-Gore National Health Campaign, Director for the California Network for Women’s and Children’s Health, Director of Government and Community Relations for Kaiser Permanente Northern California, appointee of President Bill Clinton as Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Secretary Donna Shalala, District Director to Congresswoman (now Leader) Nancy Pelosi, and Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Gavin Newsom; and,

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Dodd is the Director of the San Francisco Health Service System which provides health benefits for 110,000 City & County, School District, Community College District employees, retirees, and their dependents where she has reduced the cost of health premiums and implemented a city-wide Wellness program launched by Mayor Edwin M. Lee; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Catherine Dodd, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Government Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Congratulating AT&T
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Corporate Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, As part of the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women's innovative Gender Equality Principles Initiative, the 2013 Gender Equality Challenge showcased AT&T's $1 million contribution to the Girl Scouts of America to fund IMAGINE, an initiative designed to reach 6,000 young women and introduce them to a variety of career options in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields; and, based on an educational curriculum developed specifically for the IMAGINE Initiative, girls teamed up with AT&T employees to engage in flexible interactive activities and visual experiments to get them engaged and excited about these subjects; and,

WHEREAS, In addition, AT&T provided $350 million in direct financial contributions as well as employee volunteers to support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) scholarship programs, science and math summer camps for at-risk youth, hands-on technology labs, and elite robotics competitions at the nation’s leading universities, and more; and, AT&T employees are encouraged to volunteer based on their own personal interests and have supported programs such as Girls Who Code and Mobile Apps Made Easy; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to AT&T, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Corporate Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for its tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Resolution

Congratulating the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Law Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Sworn into office on January 3, 2011, Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye is the 28th Chief justice of the State of California and is the first Filipina American and the second woman to serve as the state’s chief justice; and,

WHEREAS, In 1997, she established and presided over the first court in Sacramento dedicated solely to domestic violence issues and was a member of the presiding judge’s task force on domestic violence and the Home Court committee; and, served as a member of the Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force where she chaired its Best Practices Domestic Violence subcommittee; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye is an active member of the California Judges Association, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Sacramento Asian Bar Association; and,

WHEREAS, For her leadership at the highest levels of state judicial system, she received the Filipina of the Year Award from the Filipina Women’s Network; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Law Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Resolution Congratulating Soon-Young Yoon,
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights
International Comity Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County
of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners,
of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Dr. Soon-Young Yoon is the UN Representative for the International Alliance of Women
and Chair of the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on the Status of Women/New
York, and First Vice-President of the Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the UN
who works tirelessly to organize the world’s women in support of CEDAW and the Beijing Declaration
and Platform for Action; and, in 1995, she served as the UN Liaison for the NGO Forum held in
parallel with the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, an event that hosted more than 30,000
NGO participants in Beijing, China; and,

WHEREAS, Annually, she leads a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers to organize the NGO
Forum that coincides with the UN Commission on the Status of Women at the UN headquarters in New
York in March; and, the Department of the Status of Women has participated in the NGO Forum for
the past five years; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Yoon is a board member of the Global Advisory Council at the Harvard University
AIDS Initiative, the Women’s Environment and Development Organization, and the International
Foundation for Ewha Women’s University in Seoul, Korea; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its
congratulations to Soon-Young Yoon, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights
International Comity Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of
communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Congratulating Regina Scully
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Arts Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Regina K. Scully is the Founder and CEO of Artemis Rising Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to developing and promoting media, education, and healing projects that transform our culture and an Academy Award nominated executive producer, most recently for the 2012 Sundance Audience Award winning documentary “Invisible War,” about the epidemic rapes of women and men in the military; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Scully was the executive producer of “MissRepresentation,” a compelling documentary by Jennifer Siebel Newsom that exposes the gender bias that still exists in our country as reflected in the limited portrayals of women and young girls in our media, politics, and entertainment; and, she was also the executive producer of the 2013 documentary “Anita: Speaking Truth to Power,” that depicts how the Anita Hill hearings unfolded and their lasting impact on how sexual harassment is treated, or not, in American society; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Scully sits on the Stanford University Board of Philanthropy and Civil Society, the Harvard Women’s Leadership Board of Directors, the V-Day Board of Directors and the Women’s Media Center of New York City Board of Directors; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Regina Scully, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Arts Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
September 22, 2014
San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Congratulating Nancy Milliken
Recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Health Award

BE IT KNOWN That the Commission on the Status of Women of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues and authorizes the execution, by the subscribing Commissioners, of the following commendation:

WHEREAS, Dr. Nancy Milliken is Director of the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, Vice Dean of the UCSF School of Medicine, and Associate Chair for Clinical Programs in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF where she was the principal investigator of a proposal that led to the designation of UCSF as one of the six vanguard centers of excellence in Women’s Health named by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and,

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the Center works to enhance research, patient care, education, and leadership activities to improve the health and well-being of women and girls throughout diverse communities; for example, the Center annually convenes the Young Women’s Health Conference which has brought together over 250 young women from 20 schools to discuss such topics as building self-esteem, avoiding substance abuse and teen pregnancy, and aspects of college life; and, since 2012, the Center of Excellence has awarded “Innovations in Young Women’s Health” grants to student groups that have supported 16 innovative projects in 10 schools; and, in 2007, the Center of Excellence partnered with the Department on the Status of Women to host “GirlsFest - Young Women Healthy and Proud: Speaking up! Speaking out!” a San Francisco Bay Area Girls’ Health Summit; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Commission on the Status of Women extends its congratulations to Dr. Nancy Milliken, recipient of the 2014 CEDAW Women’s Human Rights Health Award, and expresses its deepest appreciation for her tremendous support of communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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