Resolution Commemorating the Life and Achievements of Jazzie Collins.

WHEREAS, Jazzie Collins’ life embodied all that the San Francisco Human Rights Commission seeks to uplift, especially her tireless work to ensure that San Francisco remains an equitable and welcoming city for all; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins had been a community leader since she moved to San Francisco in 1988 and touched many lives in this City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins was one of the original members of Queers for Economic Equality Now, a multi-cultural group dedicated to economic rights and social justice, including fair employment, fair housing, adequate and safe shelter, social spaces for youth, safe public spaces, immigrant rights, health and well-being, and unity in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins passionately worked to ensure transgender people were protected under federal gay employment rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins brought tremendous value and dignity in her service to the City of San Francisco, including her service on the Western SOMA Citizen’s Planning Task Force, the SOMA Stabilization Fund Citizen Advisory Committee, and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission’s LGBT Aging Policy Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, as the unanimously elected vice chair of the LGBT Aging Policy Taskforce, Ms. Collins advised policy makers on how to best meet the needs of San Francisco’s LGBT aging and senior populations and ensured community input in all taskforce decisions and activities; and
WHEREAS, as an organizer and member of the Board of Directors of the annual San Francisco Trans March, Ms. Collins worked to inspire all trans and gender non-conforming people to realize a world where they are safe, loved, and empowered; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins was an organizer with Senior and Disability Action and worked to empower and mobilize seniors and people with disabilities by convening housing collaborative meetings and advocating for affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities and the improvement of living conditions in single occupancy residences; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013 the California Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus honored Ms. Collins at the California State Capitol in its annual Pride Recognition Awards; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2013, Ms. Collins passed away at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins leaves behind a legacy of advocacy and accomplishment on behalf of marginalized groups; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Human Rights Commission recognizes the enduring legacy of Ms. Jazzie Collins, an organizer who championed the rights of the homeless, tenants, workers, LGBT people, domestic workers, seniors, and persons with disabilities, and conveys a profound and sincere appreciation for Ms. Collins’ leadership and advocacy.