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RESOLUTION NO. 317-02

[Declaring Lou Harrison Day]

Resolution commending treasured Bay Area composer Lou Harrison and declaring May 14, 2002 Lou Harrison Day in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Lou Harrison is a noted innovator of musical composition whose works transcend cultural boundaries, incorporating musical elements from virtually every part of the globe; and,

WHEREAS, Lou Harrison was born in Portland Oregon on May 14, 1917, raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, and this year celebrates his 85th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, A major force in American and world music, Lou Harrison has brought the multicultural influences of the Bay Area to his compositions, embracing musical dialects from Cantonese Opera, Latin American music, Gregorian chants, Javanese Gamelan, and countless other musical traditions; and,

WHEREAS, Harrison is never satisfied with the confines of the Western orchestra and is a pioneer in alternative sound sources including the percussion music of flower pots, brake drums, and oxygen tanks, and the auditory sensations of the oceans and other unusual environs; and,

WHEREAS, A skilled essayist, poet, calligrapher, and painter, Lou Harrison is a man of many talents and, along with his late partner William Colvig, built two large gamelan which

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currently reside at San Jose State University and Mills College; and,

WHEREAS, Lou Harrison's compositions are frequently inspired by political themes such as the San Francisco General Strike of 1934, opposition to the Vietnam War, and Native American history, and he is a vocal advocate of gay rights and an Esperanto enthusiast; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby congratulates Lou Harrison on his 85th birthday, commends him for his distinguished musical career spanning more than 50 years, and declares May 14, 2002 Lou Harrison Day in San Francisco.

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May 13, 2002 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 13, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.