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[Commending Jack Martens]

Resolution commending Jack Martens for his outstanding dedication to the education of generations of San Francisco school children and congratulate him as the recipient of this year's Agnes Albert Prize for Excellence in Music Education from the San Francisco Symphony.

WHEREAS, Jack Martens has led "The Band from Ben" at Benjamin Franklin Middle School since 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martens is a fifth generation San Franciscan and a graduate of the same San Francisco public school system to which his life has been dedicated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martens has been bestowed numerous awards including the Mr. Holland's Opus Award by the National Academy of Recording Arts, and more recently the San Francisco Symphony's inaugural Agnes Albert Prize for Excellence in Music Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martens has been featured in many media outlets including the front page of the San Francisco Examiner, KRON TV's "Bay Area Close-Up," and "KGO Salutes" television broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martens has promoted music programs through out the State of California via numerous workshops and presentations entitled, "Portfolios in the Arts - What a Unique Idea"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martens' "The Band from Ben" molds students with no previous instrumental experience into award-winning musicians who have earned 10 "Unanimous Superior" ratings at annual "California Music Educators Association" Band Festivals since 1989 and 188 "Superior" ratings at CMEA Solo/Ensemble Festivals since 1982; and,

WHEREAS, "The Band from Ben" has been a vital member of the greater San Francisco community, performing at Mayor Willie Brown's Inaugural Ceremony and five times at Mayor Dianne Feinstein's "A Mayor's Command Performance" showcase; and WHEREAS, Mr. Martens has created a thriving music community of over 175 students at Ben Franklin Middle School who participate in nearly 40 annual concerts and serve as a model of what is right about San Francisco public schools; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends Jack Martens for his outstanding dedication to the education of generations of San Francisco school children and congratulates him as the recipient of this year's Agnes Albert Prize for Excellence in Music Education from the San Francisco Symphony. \*\*Supervisor Leno\*\* BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Yee Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 1, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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**Date Approved**