Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Gene Compton's Cafeteria Way" - 100 Block of Taylor Street

Resolution approving the addition of the commemorative street name "Gene Compton's Cafeteria Way" to the 100 Block of Taylor Street in recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the turning point for the civil rights movement for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, and Intersex people, and in specific the contributions of Transgender Women.

WHEREAS, Gene Compton's Cafeteria, located on the 100 block of Taylor Street, at the intersection of Turk, was a hub for transgender and gay people and served as a meeting place for transgender women and gay hustlers in the Tenderloin; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1966, transgender women and gay people had been repeatedly mistreated by law enforcement and made an executive decision to stand up for their human rights, regardless of regular police presence at Compton's Cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, The Compton's Cafeteria riots mark the turning point for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender liberation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The Compton's Cafeteria riot symbolize the contributions of transgender women and the gay community to human rights in the 1960's and reminds us of a time where ignorance meant transgender and gay people were beaten, raped, killed, harassed, jailed, and disowned by society, and that we must still continue to fight ignorance today; and

WHEREAS, In the present day, there is insufficient institutional infrastructure or cultural tradition for the annual commemoration of these outstanding contributions by transgender women to the gay civil rights movement currently exists; and
WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of those elected to office to memorialize transgender people and gay people who endured violence and discrimination in the name of solidifying the constitutional rights of the community; and

WHEREAS, The approaching fiftieth anniversary of the Gene Compton’s Cafeteria Riots is worthy of community celebration and commemoration by community, law enforcement, politicians, and civilians alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, There shall be an honorary naming of “Gene Compton’s Cafeteria Way” in recognition of the valued contributions to Transgender women to social justice movements, to the City and County of San Francisco and the community of the Tenderloin; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) to erect street signs indicating both the honorary and the existing names of the street, either on a single sign or on separate signs, with the honorary name “Gene Compton’s Cafeteria Way” in smaller letters, and the existing name “Taylor Street” in larger letters above or beneath the honorary name; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the SFMTA to expedite the installation of the approved new sign in time for the Trans March on June 24, 2016; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the street renaming is commemorative in nature and not subject to procedural hearings or noticing pursuant to Streets and Highway Code, Section 970.5, or San Francisco Transportation Code, Section 2.2; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.
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May 09, 2016 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

May 17, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/17/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Peggy Nevin
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved