Subject: Resolution No. 510-25A2

In Recognition of the American Friends Service Committee for their
"Remember the Draft? Honoring Resistance from Viet Nam to Iraq"
- Commissioners Eric Mar and Dan Kelly

WHEREAS: The Religious Society of Friends, from which the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) was formed, has opposed all outward signs of war since 1660, "...We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fighting’s with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretence whatsoever. And this is our testimony to the whole world,” and

WHEREAS: The AFSC, was created in 1917 to train conscientious objectors to provide relief and reconstruction work in France during World War I; and

WHEREAS: The AFSC, provided counseling, support, and advocacy for conscientious objectors in all wars since 1917; and

WHEREAS: The AFSC has been carrying out its work for peace, justice and nonviolent social change in the Bay Area and Northern California since 1942; and

WHEREAS: The AFSC, worked to expand the definition of conscientious objection from a religious basis to include moral and ethical beliefs; and

WHEREAS: The AFSC, continues to support, advocate, and work for the end of war and violence as a solution; and

WHEREAS: The AFSC is hosting a dinner to honor resistance and those who publicly resisted called, "Remember the Draft? Honoring Resistance from Viet Nam to Iraq".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District hereby honors and celebrates the American Friends Service Committee for their ongoing social justice work.

Resolution of Commendation
10/25/05