[Commending Jared Blumenfeld, Director, Department of the Environment]

Approval of Resolution commending Jared Blumenfeld, Director, for his service to the Department of the Environment and to the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. appointed Jared Blumenfeld director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment in September 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld has continued to direct the Department and provide San Francisco’s environmental leadership under Mayor Gavin Newsom; and,

WHEREAS, President Barak Obama appointed Jared Blumenfeld administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 in November 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld has grown the Department of Environment more than ten fold and has inspired and led the development of unprecedented urban environmental programs, including a zero waste program responsible for a 72% diversion rate, groundbreaking climate initiatives, energy programs that have helped thousands of businesses reduce their energy use, and an array of toxic reduction programs; and,

WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld leaves a legacy of innovative environmental policy in San Francisco, where he was a prime mover behind groundbreaking pieces of legislation that have now become recognized best practices, including, among others: mandatory recycling and composting, banning single use plastic grocery bags in supermarkets and chain pharmacies, banning foamed polystyrene food service ware, requiring employers to offer commuter benefits; and,
WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld championed public access to information that will assist in environmental decision making, and was the driving force behind the online Solar Map as well as the San Francisco EcoMap; and,

WHEREAS, Jared Blumenfeld has changed the cultural and physical makeup of San Francisco in ways that will benefit the community and promote long term wellbeing, including hosting United Nations World Environment Day in 2005, the demolition of the Hunters Point Power Plant, the construction of the living classroom at Heron's Head Park, and ongoing new residential and commercial construction under the green building ordinance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment commends Jared Blumenfeld for his contributions to the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment wishes Jared Blumenfeld well on his future endeavors with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved at the Commission on the Environment's Meeting on November 24, 2009.

Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

Vote: Approved (6-0) (1 Absent)
Ayes: Commissioners Pelosi Jr., Gravanis, Martin, Mok, Tuchow and Wald
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner King