

Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Kevin Shelley, 12th Assembly District; and
the Honorable Carole Migden, 13th Assembly District; Relative to commending the

The Bar Association of San Francisco

WHEREAS, The Bar Association of San Francisco is celebrating its 125th Anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and to underscore the positive impact that it has made to the legal profession and in the local community; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1872, the Bar Association of San Francisco, the oldest bar association in the State of California, has for the past 125 years served the legal profession and the community; and

WHEREAS, The Association is one of the most active and innovative local bar associations in the nation, with an unparalleled long and distinguished record of service to the profession, community action, and public service, and at present, the Association has over 9,000 members and is sponsored by 400 law firms, law schools, and corporate law departments; and

WHEREAS, The Association is recognized as the national leader in efforts by the organized bar to achieve equality of opportunity in the legal profession and to provide pro bono legal services to the poor, and has also been extremely active in the creation of effective programs to promote alternative forms of dispute resolution, to assist and streamline the courts, and to enhance professionalism among attorneys through comprehensive continuing legal education and other member services; and

WHEREAS, Significant milestones in the Association's history include: the Association prepared the first written code of legal ethics in California in 1910; created a Barristers Club in 1929 to serve younger attorneys; initiated a program of continuing education in 1945, one of the first groups to do so, which today offers more than 400 CLE programs annually; and inaugurated the Volunteer Legal Service Program (VLSP) in 1977; and

WHEREAS, The award-winning VLSP is the largest bar-sponsored pro bono legal services program in the nation and the largest and only fully comprehensive provider of legal services to the poor in San Francisco, serving over 30,000 people annually; and

WHEREAS, In 1997 the Association is celebrating its 125th Anniversary by created the new Bar Center at the venerable Merchants Exchange Building in the heart of San Francisco's financial district, investing a new technology to support services for members and public, and establishing a Twenty-First Century Fund dedicated in support of the Volunteer Legal Services Program, its equality of opportunity initiatives in the legal profession, and other charitable programs of the Association; and

WHEREAS, The contributions that the Bar Association of San Francisco has made to the legal profession and the community are invaluable, and reflect an organization devoted to the highest ideals of serving its profession, the community, and public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER KEVIN SHELLEY AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN CAROLE MIGDEN, That they take immense pleasure in commending the Bar Association of San Francisco for the outstanding contributions that it has made to the legal profession and local community through its programs, congratulate the Association on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and extend best wishes for success in the future.

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Dated this 6th day of November, 1997


Honorable Kevin Shelley
12th Assembly District


Honorable Carole Migden
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