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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Kevin McCarty, 7th Assembly District;
Relative to commending

CLARMUNDO S. SULLIVAN

WHEREAS, In tandem with the eleventh annual commemoration of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on February 7, 2017, it is eminently appropriate to honor, with special public commendations, Clarmundo S. Sullivan, founder and Executive Director of award-winning Golden Rule Services, the nonprofit organization under whose auspices he worked to establish National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in 2007 together with the Honorable Mervyn Dymally, the late and much-esteemed former United States Congressman from California and Member of the California State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Clarmundo Sullivan is a visionary longtime activist and leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the greater

Sacramento community and beyond, whose boundless energy, compassion, and community engagement have informed not only his distinguished, HIV/AIDS-focused public health career, but also his far-reaching volunteer efforts with many minority-based organizations that seek to address health, education, economic, and criminal justice disparities that disproportionately affect people of color and the LGBTI community; and

WHEREAS, A native son of California, who was born and has lived for most of his life in Sacramento, Clarmundo excelled academically from his youth, earning an associate of arts degree with honors from City College of San Francisco, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work, magna cum laude, from San Francisco State University (SFSU), and a Master of Arts degree in Education, summa cum laude, from the University of California (UC), Davis, following which, he entered the field of public health, in which he has made numerous significant contributions across a broad spectrum of service areas with regard to HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Possessed of an impressive public service résumé whose entries commenced in 1991, Clarmundo has worked in a diversity of capacities which include, among others, as a community health outreach worker; an HIV/AIDS educator; an HIV/AIDS trainer for several prevention organizations; a research assistant for the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies

African American Men's Health Project; a project coordinator for the SFSU Black Men's AIDS Study; a senior survey worker for UC San Francisco's Adolescent Peer Group Study; a UC Davis postgraduate researcher for Dr. Gregory Herek in various of his studies addressing sexual prejudice-related and HIV/AIDS-related stigma in the United States and the mental health consequences of hate crimes and victimization targeting lesbians and gay men; and an HIV/AIDS coordinator for the Greater Sacramento Urban League; and

WHEREAS, In January 2000, Clarmundo founded and became the Executive Director of Golden Rule Services in Sacramento, a nonprofit organization offering education and prevention services and HIV/AIDS-, STD-, and hepatitis C-related programs that focus on target populations whose members include, in addition to others, people of color, women, men who have sex with men, sex industry workers, and people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Clarmundo Sullivan's tireless, consequential, and inspiring leadership of Golden Rule Services and the organization's successful provision of much-needed assistance to thousands of Sacramento residents in underserved, vulnerable, and high-risk communities have garnered numerous accolades, honors, and awards, including the 1999 Pendulum Community Service Award, Lambda Community Fund's 2005 Fighting AIDS Award, the Sacramento

Black Chamber of Commerce's 2007 Public Service/Community Service Business of the Year Award, the California Wellness Foundation's 2012 Leadership Award, the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Community Center's 2014 Pride Award, and Commendatory Resolutions from the California State Assembly in 2005 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast commitment to and leadership of Golden Rule Services and his lifetime contributions to improving the well-being and quality of life for countless Californians, Clarmundo Sullivan is indeed deserving of admiration and praise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER KEVIN McCARTY, That Clarmundo S. Sullivan be applauded on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day for having worked together with the Honorable Mervyn Dymally to bring this important annual awareness event to fruition, commended for his exemplary record of personal, professional, and community accomplishments, and extended best wishes for the success of his indomitable efforts in the future.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2017.

Honorable Kevin McCarty

7th Assembly District