Resolution recognizing and commending the work and impact of the San Francisco Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) for LGBTQQ Youth.

WHEREAS, The Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) for LGBTQQ Youth is one of the main service providers and community spaces serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (LGBTQQ) youth in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth was founded in 1988, making it one of the first community centers serving LGBTQQ youth in the country; and

WHEREAS, The LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth grew out of the ad-hoc Committee for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth, which was started by community activists Donna Keiko Ozawa and Beth Kivel; and

WHEREAS, In 1996 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth launched the first lobby day devoted to LGBTQQ youth protections in public schools, engaging 300+ participants with the LIFE Lobby and the Gay-Straight Alliance Network, and building momentum to pass California Assembly Bill 537 in 2000, which protects students and staff against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, In 1997 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth, along with other LGBTQQ youth-serving community organizations, co-founded the Dimensions Clinic Collaboration, a twice-weekly clinic held at a public health center created to meet the medical and psycho-social service needs of LGBTQQ youth; and

[Recognition of LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth]
WHEREAS, In 2001, The Youth Development Program Outcomes Project gave the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth one of the highest scores for youth development outcomes and levels of youth satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth received the California Adolescent Health Janet Shalwitz Leadership Award and the Bank of America’s Neighborhood Builder Award in 2011; and

WHEREAS, In 2011 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth launched the School-Based Initiative to educate and build allyship among students, school staff, and families; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth launched UndocuWorkforce, the Bay Area’s first paid leadership program for undocumented LGBTQ (and ally) youth; and

WHEREAS, The LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth has expanded their community partnerships to include API Wellness, Bay Area Young Positives, Dimensions Clinic, Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco LGBT Center, and San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks, to respond to city budget cuts impacting LGBTQQ youth; and

WHEREAS, In 2018 and 2020, the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth was awarded two contracts to expand housing navigation services for homeless and unstably housed LGBTQQ youth; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends the work of the LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ Youth and recognizes the positive impact the center and its programs have had on LGBTQQ youth in the City and County of San Francisco.