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**HAYWARD**  
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**DATE:** October 23, 2007  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution in Support of the Effort by United States Senator Diane Feinstein to Obtain Permanent Resident Status for Ms. Jacqueline W. Coats

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council adopts the attached resolution requesting that the President of the United States, and the United States Congress support S. 420 to allow Ms. Jacqueline W. Coats to obtain permanent resident status in the United States.

**DISCUSSION**

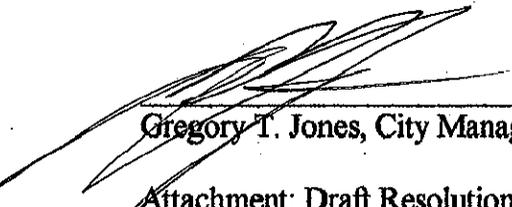
Ms. Jacqueline W. Coats legally entered the United States in August 2001 on a student visa from Kenya. She met Marlin Coats in February 2004, and they married on April 17, 2006. Mr. Coats signed a petition to confer lawful permanent residence upon his wife on May 10, 2006. However, before he could file the petition, Mr. Coats died four days later while attempting to save two children from drowning in the Pacific Ocean. For that act of heroism, Mr. Coats was posthumously awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for his bravery. Since Mr. Coats died before he could complete the immigration paperwork for Ms. Coats, her petition has been deemed void under law, and she now faces deportation.

To prevent Ms. Coats, a resident of San Leandro, from being deported as a result of her husband's untimely and heroic death, Senator Diane Feinstein authored S. 420 which provides for Ms. Coats to obtain permanent resident status. Assembly Member Mary Hayashi authored California State Assembly Joint Resolution No. 35 in support of Senator Feinstein's Senate Bill. Per Council's previous request, the attached resolution expresses support for these pieces of legislation and for Ms. Coats to remain in the United States.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no known fiscal impact for this recommendation.

Approved by:

  
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Gregory T. Jones, City Manager

Attachment: Draft Resolution

# DRAFT

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

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10/18/07

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORT OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DIANE FEINSTEIN AND CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARY HAYASHI TO OBTAIN PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR MS. JACQUELINE W. COATS**

WHEREAS, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 35, as authored by Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, respectfully requests the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support S. 420, authored by Senator Diane Feinstein, which provides for Ms. Jacqueline W. Coats, widow of Marlin Coats, who was posthumously granted the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for bravery while attempting to save two drowning children, to obtain permanent resident status; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacqueline W. Coats legally entered the United States in August 2001 on a student visa from Kenya. Ms. Coats met Marlin Coats in February 2004, and on April 17, 2006, the couple married; and

WHEREAS, after their wedding, on May 10, 2006, Mr. Coats signed a petition to confer lawful permanent residence upon Ms. Coats. However, Mr. Coats could not file the petition for his wife, because he died four days later while attempting to save two children from drowning in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, since Mr. Coats died before he could complete the immigration paperwork for Ms. Coats, her petition is deemed void under the law, and she now faces deportation from the United States; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent Ms. Coats from being deported, Senator Diane Feinstein authored S. 420, which provides for Ms. Coats to obtain permanent resident status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hayward as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. That the City Council respectfully requests the President of the United States and the United States Congress to support S. 420, authored by Senator Diane Feinstein, and Assembly Joint Resolution No. 35, authored by Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, which provide for Ms. Jacqueline W. Coats to obtain permanent resident status.

3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to Senator Diane Feinstein, Congressman Fortney Pete Stark and Assembly Member Mary Hayashi.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward