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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Brunner

Resolution Honoring Peralta Elementary School For Being Named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

WHEREAS, The 2010-2011 Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools that are “national models of excellence” as demonstrated by superior overall achievement as well as substantial accomplishment in the face of economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Award is part of a larger Department of Education program to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices and Blue Ribbon nominees are selected by the top education official in each state; and

WHEREAS, Peralta Elementary is one of two in Alameda County, one of four in the Bay Area, and one of just 21 in the state of California, to earn this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Peralta is dedicated to joyful, enthusiastic learning with a strong grounding in the arts, with such extraordinary programs as the intergenerational Project, in which students teach art to seniors in a local adult day care facility; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Rosette Costello and with the involvement of an active and engaged parent community, Peralta Elementary School has thrived and turned into one of the most sought-after schools in the city of Oakland and produce a robust 2011 API score of 937 (API is California’s primary metric for measuring student achievement); and

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby honors Peralta Elementary School for being named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California