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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PAT KERNIGHAN, COUNCIL
PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE, AND COUNCILMEMBER JANE
BRUNNER

A Resolution Commending Three Oakland Elementary Schools – Lincoln, Hillcrest and Think College Now – for their Selection as 2008 Distinguished School Award Honorees by the California School Recognition Program of the State of California Department of Education

WHEREAS, the California School Recognition Program, now in its 23rd year, has identified and honored the state's most exemplary and inspiring public schools with the California Distinguished School Award; and

WHEREAS, 839 elementary schools throughout California submitted applications and were identified for eligibility on the basis of their Academic Performance Index test scores and Adequate Yearly Progress results, which take into account the school's environment, its on-site programs, teaching methodology, etc; and

WHEREAS, the rigorous process selected 343 exemplary California public elementary schools from 189 districts in 39 counties as 2008 California Distinguished Schools; and

WHEREAS, many of the schools recognized as the "*best of the best*" have overcome significant educational challenges, showing that it is possible to provide opportunities for success to all students; and

WHEREAS, this year, 87.4 percent of the award-winning schools serve populations high in minority student representation and 53.1 percent of them are educating students who are learning English; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland commends Lincoln Elementary School, Think College Now School and Hillcrest School as 2008 honorees of the California Distinguished School Award presented by the California Department of Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED: the City of Oakland commends the students, parents, faculty, mentors and tutors of Lincoln School, Hillcrest School and Think College Now Elementary School on winning the 2008 California Distinguished School Award.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID,
CHANG, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California