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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS PATRICIA KERNIGHAN & HENRY CHANG

**Honoring Lincoln Elementary School for its Outstanding Achievements
and Receipt of the Title I National Distinguished School Award**

WHEREAS, the National Title I Program aims to assist low-income and disadvantaged children at 5,900 California schools; and

WHEREAS, students at Lincoln Elementary School, the only public elementary school in Chinatown, serves over 600 students and excels consistently though many of students are disadvantaged and recent immigrants to the United States; and

WHEREAS, 89% of students come from low-income households and 92% of Lincoln Elementary School students come from homes where English is not the primary language; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Elementary School owes its success to the collaboration, diligence, and commitment of Principal Caroline Yee, school faculty and staff, parents, the Parents' Club, Oakland Asian Students Educational Services (OASES), and the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, parents of Lincoln Elementary School students are devoted to the education of their children, as exemplified by Lincoln's impressive attendance rate of 98.4%, exceptional rate of 99% of students who are walked or driven to school by parents and grandparents, and extensive partnership with faculty and school staff; and

WHEREAS, the devoted teachers at Lincoln Elementary School assess students' strengths and weaknesses and devise instruction and intervention programs catered to student needs; and

WHEREAS, OASES recruits over 400 volunteers from UC Berkeley every year in order to provide free daily after-school tutoring and enrichment activities to help over 130 disadvantaged students, the most of any OUSD after-school site, at Lincoln Elementary School improve their academic performance and increase their self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Elementary School, whose Academic Performance Index score increased from 844 in 2003-2004 to 864 in 2004-2005, continues to succeed every year despite district-wide budgetary challenges; and

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WHEREAS, the prestigious National Title I Distinguished School Award is awarded to only one hundred schools in the United States every year and Lincoln is one of only two schools to receive this award in all of California in 2006; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Award nine years ago, Lincoln Elementary School is the first bay area school to receive the award; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Elementary School, with its effective partnerships and parent participation, exemplifies a National Distinguished School; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does hereby congratulate and commend Lincoln Elementary School for its outstanding achievements and its receipt of the National Distinguished School Award.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES—

NOES—

ABSENT—

ABSTENTION—

ATTEST:

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California

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