WHEREAS, during the morning of Monday, January 29, 1979, rifle shots were fired by a sniper into the schoolyard of Cleveland Elementary School in San Carlos as hundreds of children were arriving for classes; and

WHEREAS, two members of the school staff were fatally injured, and eight children a police officer were wounded at this outset of a 6-1/2-hour ordeal which ended the arrest of a suspect; and and a police officer were wounded at this outset of a 6-1/2-hour ordeal which ended with the arrest of a suspect; and

WHEREAS, the wounded and the uninjured students were swiftly removed from the ling of fire and to safety under extremely hazardous conditions by police and school staff members: and

WHEREAS, subsequent immediate and coordinated reactions of police officers resulted in isolating and establishing contact with the suspect, which brought an end to the gunfire and minimized further casualties in the area; and

WHEREAS, several officers of the San Diego Police Department and members of the staff of Cleveland Elementary School distinguished themselves during this tragic episode by their quick thinking and their courage in safeguarding the children and others at great personal risk; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER THEODORE M. KASINAK of the San Diego Police Department was advised via radio that three other officers, one of whom was wounded, were pinned down under gunfire; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER KASINAK commandeered a private trash truck and drove it between the sniper and the officers' position, shielding them from further qunfire and allowing first aid and rescue operations to proceed: NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Diego commends

## Theodore M. Kasinak

R. 79-1559 Res. # 222872 and expresses its gratitude, and that of the community, for his courageous and unselfish efforts on behalf of his fellow citizens.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, city attocales

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