

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291211

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WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego City Attorney's Office have joined in partnership with two community organizations, Mid-City for Youth and San Diegans United for Safe Neighborhoods, to develop a unique education program, Juveniles and Justice: A Community Safety Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Juveniles and Justice is to educate San Diego elementary school students about the criminal justice system through a series of discussion groups, a police station tour, a court tour, and a mock trial; and

WHEREAS, students in John Snyder's fifth grade class at Rolando Park Elementary School in the City of San Diego recently completed the Juveniles and Justice program; and

WHEREAS, these students spent eight weeks studying the United States Constitution and the individual rights that relate to the criminal justice system; specifically, the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the students also learned why we have laws and what happens when a law is broken; and

WHEREAS, they discussed the roles of the police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, witnesses, judges, and jurors; and

WHEREAS, the students also took part in the mock trial of “Goldie Locke,” who was accused of breaking into the Brown family home without the Browns’ permission, eating their food, and sleeping in Baby Brown’s room; and

WHEREAS, by educating elementary school students about the criminal justice system, the Juveniles and Justice team works on both prevention and intervention; and

WHEREAS, by exposing the students to the criminal justice system, they will understand the importance of reporting crime, working with law enforcement authorities, and being responsible community members; and

WHEREAS, two students, Jeremy Watson and Alice Lei, demonstrated excellence in winning an essay contest on why we have a criminal justice system, and they are being recognized as San Diego City Attorney and San Diego Police Chief for the day; and

WHEREAS, Rolando Park Elementary is the third San Diego school to participate in the Juveniles and Justice program; the other schools are John Adams Elementary and Hardy Elementary; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the work of the Juveniles and Justice team, including members of the City Attorney and Police Department staffs and Mid-City for Youth and San Diegans United for Safe Neighborhoods, for their work in creating a unique partnership to benefit the young people of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jeremy Watson is recognized as San Diego Police Chief for the Day for his outstanding efforts in service on the Defense Team in the case of *People v. Goldie Locke*, and for writing an exceptional essay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alice Lei is recognized as San Diego City Attorney for the Day for her outstanding efforts in serving as a witness in the case of *People v. Goldie Locke*, and for writing an exceptional essay.

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