

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293959

ADOPTED ON OCT 16 2000

WHEREAS, the Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP) in North Park is a private Catholic high school for young women sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Carondelet under the direction of its principal, Sister Delores Anchondo, and known throughout the San Diego region for its academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, this past school year of 1999-2000, OLP was recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as one of 198 public and private schools throughout the United States and Puerto Rico selected as Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, OLP was awarded this high honor twice before in 1988-89 and 1992-93; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning schools were nominated by state education agencies, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the Council for American Private Education, and chosen by a committee convened by the Character Education Partnership; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored 4,000 of America's most successful schools which have met the U.S. Department of Education's rigorous, research-based criteria for overall excellence; and

WHEREAS, OLP was the only private school in California bestowed with such an honor, and was one of only three schools nationwide to receive the Blue Ribbon Schools special emphasis award in character education for the 1999-2000 school year; and

WHEREAS, OLP was presented its Blue Ribbon flag at a Blue Ribbon Schools Ceremony in Washington, D.C., September 22-23, 2000, and this outstanding honor will be

recognized by the student body of OLP in a school assembly on October 2, 2000; NOW

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding achievement of the staff, students and parents of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in being named as one of the nation's Blue Ribbon Schools for 1999-2000 by the United States Secretary of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 2, 2000, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF PEACE DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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