

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-299281

ADOPTED ON JUN 07 2004

WHEREAS, Explorer Elementary Charter School recently received the 2004 Distinguished School Award of California from the Department of Education and earning this distinction now allows Explorer Elementary Charter School to compete for a National Blue Ribbon Schools honor; and

WHEREAS, Explorer Elementary Charter School was the only elementary school in the San Diego Unified School District to receive this prestigious honor and only one of 302 schools in the State of California to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, the California Distinguished School Award is considered the State's top recognition of a school's educational program, including high expectations for all its students, the implementation of state-adopted standards, and visionary, and collaborative leadership; and

WHEREAS, Explorer Elementary Charter School scored a perfect 10 on the Academic Performance Index and a perfect score on their report to the Department of Education to apply for the Distinguished School Award; and

WHEREAS, Explorer Elementary Charter School believes in a educational philosophy that teaches children to be critical thinkers, open-minded, and have a good foundation of knowledge; and

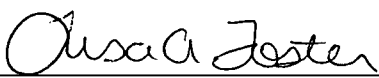
WHEREAS, Explorer Elementary Charter School opened its door in September 2000 with 116 children and has grown to an enrollment of 230 children in kindergarten through sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, Explorer Elementary Charter School has a waiting list of more than 200 families per year, but the faculty and families agree that small class size in all the grades is an important factor in the school's strength as a community and have raised \$200,000 each year to support this commitment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and behalf of the citizens of San Diego, commend Explorer Elementary Charter School for their dedication, commitment, perseverance, and success in providing a quality educational experience to the children of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 7, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "EXPLORER ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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