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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS ALISON VAIL, JUDY JEFFERY, AND MAUREEN PETRUNIC UPON RECEIVING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

WHEREAS, Anchorage School District teachers Alison Vail, Judy Jeffery, and Maureen Petrunic were recently chosen by the White House as recipients of the National Science Foundation's Presidential Award for Excellence:

Alison Vail, a teacher at Bowman Elementary, gives her students ways to apply math in real world situations. Her students take a "hands-on" approach such as going out to a ballfield, measuring it and coming back to the classroom to draw a scale and build a 3-dimensional model. Rather than learning decimals, scales and proportions just from a textbook, her students begin to understand math with their own personalized real-life assignments, like keeping track of what they eat every day and then calculating what percentages of fat and other nutrients they are getting in their daily diets.

Judy Jeffery, a teacher at Goldenview Middle School, has been teaching for sixteen years and believes in making math more meaningful and fun for her students by using art. She developed a new concept in math and created "Snow Patterns, Cultures & Crystals" which studies geometry through snowflake patterns, area and perimeters.

Maureen Petrunic, a teacher at Bear Valley Elementary, is committed to and enthusiastic about science education. She is the science support teacher for the Anchorage School District, a trainer for the new astronomy kit curriculum and is working as part of a team to develop and implement the district's Earth Systems Program which encourages more "hands-on" learning. She also coordinates the school's science fair.

WHEREAS, these Presidential award winners were each granted \$7,500 to spend at their school to advance math and science education, and each will travel to Washington D.C. this summer for a national awards ceremony; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That, on behalf of the entire community, the Assembly recognizes and honors

Alison Vail
Judy Jeffery
Maureen Petrunic

upon receiving the National Science Foundation's Presidential Award for Excellence in math and science, and for their dedication to teaching Anchorage's students.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24th day of February, 1998.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk