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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH
HONORING CAROL COMEAU FOR RECEIVING THE SHINING LIGHTS AWARD.**

WHEREAS, Carol Comeau has been the superintendent of the largest school district in the State of Alaska for the past 8 years; and

WHEREAS, on her way to being named Superintendent of the Anchorage School District, Carol began as a playground attendant and teacher's aide, progressing through the ranks of teacher, principal, Elementary Education Director and Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, her unique perspective on the intimate workings of educating the children of our state has given her expertise and compassion which she has consistently used in the service of those young people; and

WHEREAS, Carol Comeau has continuously worked toward providing each and every child the opportunity for a quality education in an environment free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this has often required that she take a stand in support of equal access for each child, regardless of race, gender, religious or personal beliefs and diversity in our schools teaches valuable life skills, and enriches the experience of all; and

WHEREAS, Carol Comeau has consistently supported teaching tolerance for the ideas of others; and

WHEREAS, under Carol Comeau's leadership, the district adopted Culturally Responsive Schools standards so that schools and classrooms might be welcoming and productive places for all students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the entire Anchorage community and the State of Alaska have benefited greatly from her dedication to our children; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Sholom annually selects one individual to be honored with their Shining Lights Award, which honors an individual whose career has been dedicated to public service and who demonstrates the highest level of character, integrity and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Carol Comeau has been selected to be the 2008 recipient of the Shining Lights Award in recognition of her tireless work educating Alaska's children, and her willingness to stand up for the values of tolerance, diversity, and equal access to educational opportunities for all in our community; and

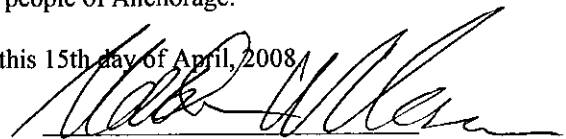
WHEREAS, Carol Comeau will be presented with the Award on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at a banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly congratulates:


Carol Comeau

for being awarded this honor for her years of service to the people of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of April, 2008.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk