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Jackson and Mayor Begich

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR No. 2008-330

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH RECOGNIZING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA.

WHEREAS, teachers, parents, and residents of the Anchorage community encourage students to become part of an informed citizenry and participate in the public process to create positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage promotes the active participation of young people in local government through such mechanisms as the Municipal Youth Advisory Commission, Youth Employment in Parks, and numerous mentorships and internships; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's youth benefit from direct exposure to and connection with our government and nation's history through visits to our nation's capitol, monuments, and memorials in person rather than through only literary and electronic means; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200 middle and high school students through the Smithsonian Student Travel Program and approximately 70 students with the Close-Up program have accepted and paid for their own opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and attend the 2009 Presidential Inauguration; and

WHEREAS, 32 high school and middle school teachers and principals have made this experience possible, one which they know will instill pride in our nation and state and reinforce the importance of this unforgettable event in the lives of their students; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage School District teachers Scott Hickox and Lo Crawford deserve special recognition and sincere thanks for their hard work and determination to organize and turn this "fun idea" into an historic event where our future leaders will experience the inauguration of United States of America President-elect Barack Obama on January 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the following teachers and administrators should be commended for bravely leading a large group of enthusiastic students on this educational adventure:

Middle School Principals: Scott Batchelder (Mirror Lake), Jeanne Fischer (Begich), Bobby Jefts (Gruening), Carrie Sumner (Central), and Brendan Wilson (Hanshew).

High School Principals: Natalie Burnett (Eagle River), Cheryl Guyett (Dimond), and Tina Johnson-Harris (Bartlett).

Middle School Teachers: Bret Clark (Central), Pam Collins (Goldenview), Leah Dubber (Hanshew), Laura Fitzgerald O'Neal (Central), Elaina Hveding (Begich), Mary-Frances Karnos (Goldenview), Beth Lynch (Gruening), Kelsey Mahlev (Gruening), Vajra Miller (Mirror Lake), Amber Myers (Central), Vicky Otte (Gruening), Jake Reese (Central), Gail Taylor (Mirror Lake), Steve Thompson (Goldenview), and Terry Worthington (Goldenview). High School Teachers: Meta Baxter (Highland Tech), Nina Bonito-Romine (Steller), Jenni Faris (Bartlett), Nate Green (Bartlett), Barbara Isom-Jennings(West), John Jessen (Bartlett), Debra LaRue, (Chugiak), Lo Linato-Crawford (West), Roger Miller (Eagle River), Missy Nurmi (Dimond), Pamela Orme (West), Stephanie Seward (South), Mark Standley (Highland Tech), Jennifer Wadsworth (Steller), and Bob Warren (Eagle River). NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves to recognize the efforts of these teachers and administrators to go beyond the call of duty in encouraging active participation by their students in the civic life of this nation and calls upon the citizens of Anchorage to wish them all a successful trip to and safe return from Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama. PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this day of December 2008. ATTEST: Anla Saunt
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