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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
HONORING ANNA WICHOREK AND TAYLOR HAINES FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IN
BEING SELECTED "LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE 2010" WINNERS.**

WHEREAS, each year, Alaska Center for the Book and Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores, sponsor a national writing contest, Letters About Literature, where students must write a letter to an author – living or dead – explaining how his or her work changed their view of themselves or the world; and

WHEREAS, nationwide just under 70,000 fourth through twelfth grade students entered "Letters About Literature 2010", at one of three levels: Elementary school; middle school; or high school level; and

WHEREAS, within each state a winner, runner up, and honorable mention awards at each level are selected, and the state winners at each level advance to national competition; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Alaska winner awards went to Anna Wichorek of Anchorage at the high school level, Caroline Everts of Fairbanks at the middle school level, and Taylor Haines of Anchorage, at the elementary school level; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Haines, a sixth grade student at Rogers Park Elementary School in Anchorage, wrote to author Stephenie Meyer about her book, *Twilight*; and

WHEREAS, Anna Wichorek, a junior at West High School in Anchorage, wrote to Alaska author Velma Wallis about her book, *Two Old Women*; and

WHEREAS, Anna Wichorek was also subsequently named the National "Letters About Literature 2010" recipient, earning a \$10,000 grant for a local library of her choice; and

WHEREAS, Anna Wichorek has named Mountain View Elementary School Library to receive the award funds; and

WHEREAS, at a reception on May 17, 2010, in the Mountain View Elementary School Library from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, awards will be presented to Anna Wichorek, Taylor Haines, and Alaska winners; and


1 WHEREAS, author Ms. Velma Wallis, who found Anna Wichorek's letter touching
2 and wonderful, is flying in from Fairbanks to greet Anna Wichorek at the reception, and
3 with a representative from the Library of Congress' Center for the Book is joining the
4 reception;
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6 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES, THANKS, AND
7 HONORS:
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9 **ANNA WICHOREK AND TAYLOR HAINES**

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11 and each of the Alaskan student participants and honorees in "Letters About Literature
12 2010" for their love of reading and interest in books and authors. We are proud of our
13 students and their participation in this event.
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16 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of
17 May, 2010.

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21 Chair

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