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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING LESLIE WHITE
AS THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S
EDUCATION HONOREE FOR 2006

WHEREAS, Leslie White has worked in the field of education for 32 years, 24 of which have been as a special education teacher in Santa Barbara; Leslie has taken special pride in working hard to bring diversity to her students and has touched the lives of many in our community through both her work in education and her extensive community volunteerism, and;

WHEREAS, while teaching at Monroe School, Leslie has served as the coordinator for the school's annual Martin Luther King Kindness and Justice Challenge. During the Challenge, which lasts for two weeks the students and staff honor each other for following the teachings of Dr. King. The Challenge culminates in a school-wide assembly where each grade level presents a poem, speech or song about the ideals of Dr. King and how Monroe School can further those ideals, and;

WHEREAS, Leslie initiated the Circle of Friends program at Monroe in which special needs students and general education students develop friendships which helps the general education students develop a greater empathy for and understanding of special needs students. In addition, Leslie chaired Monroe's Character Education Committee which helps students to learn to value the differences in each other. The committee also developed and Anti-Bullying Pledge which was signed by the students, parents, staff and the Santa Barbara School Board, and;

WHEREAS, As a parent, Leslie has been equally involved in education, holding at various times the posts of PTA President, Vice President, and Secretary. She has also served as the Teacher Wish List Chair at Cold Springs School, Santa Barbara Junior High and Santa Barbara High School, and;

WHEREAS, Leslie has put her talents to work in the community as Co-Chair of the Junior League of Santa Barbara's Literacy Volunteers of America committee, has volunteered her time for the Family Services Agency, the Santa Barbara Zou, the Therapeutic Riding Academy, and the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Leslie has been honored by the Outstanding Young Women of America and Who's Who Among American Teachers; she has received two Certificates of Appreciation from the Santa Barbara Elementary School District: one for Dedicated Service to Students with Exceptional Needs and one from the District's HeadStart Program, as well as an Honorary Service Award from the California Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes LESLIE WHITE for her outstanding work in education and congratulates her on being selected as the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S 2006 EDUCATION HONOREE. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 24th day of October, 2006 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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