Subject: Resolution No: 59-27A2

Commending Dr. William Cobb Child Development Center Staff
-Commissioner Norman Yee

WHEREAS: On July 5, 2005 a mother of a child attending Dr. William Cobb Child Development Center was cruelly gunned down in its yard when exiting the building at 7:30 a.m., and

WHEREAS: Staff acted quickly and calmly to minimize exposure of the early morning scene from the other preschool and school-age children and their families entering the center, and

WHEREAS: All the child development staff members and in particular secretary, Marilyn Dunn and the Mental Health consultant, Judy Yabamoto, performed magnificently, working at protecting the children from unnecessary exposure to the incident and press, guiding both children and families through the emotions and issues caused by the incident, and consistently maintaining a safe, calm environment, and

WHEREAS: Site Supervisor, Carol Husbands demonstrated strong leadership through this difficult time, reaching out to two City programs, LINC and SafeStart to work with the staff and parent communities to help them process the impact and to enable the staff to focus on the needs of the children, and

WHEREAS: Out of this tragedy, the staff is building something positive for the Dr. Cobb Child Development Center to reclaim the yard site by creating a new Garden Area, setting aside a small memorial corner and initiating a new Mural project in conjunction with SOTA students that is planned for this fall.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby commends the Site Supervisor Carol Husbands and Dr. William Cobb Child Development Center staff for their exemplary dedication and support for the preschool and school-age students and their families during a time of tragedy.

Resolution of Commendation
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