



CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, *Chris Miko is one of 40 educators, chosen from among 2,000 applicants nationwide, to receive a National Aeronautics and Space Administration fellowship this year; and*

WHEREAS, *during his three years at Meadows Elementary School, Chris started a science club, encouraged new technologies in the classroom and started a habitat restoration program; and*

WHEREAS, *last summer, Chris attended a week-long seminar at NASA's space camp in Alabama where he participated in professional development workshops in math and science and trained in zero gravity conditions; and*

WHEREAS, *Chris inspires and motivates his students outside the classroom as much as inside. He started a science camp where kids learn about chemistry, robotics and environmental science and membership in the school's GoEcoKids Club has practically doubled; and*

WHEREAS, *in January, Chris began a year-long program, intended to develop highly qualified educators in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects – information which he will share with his colleagues.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mitch Ward, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, on behalf of the City Council, citizens and residents, do hereby commend

CHRIS MIKO

for his outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and the City of Manhattan Beach.

DATED this 21st day of September, 2010.

Mayor Mitch Ward

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WHEREAS, *in March, Joanne, was selected as one of 220 teachers worldwide to attend the Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama; and*

WHEREAS, *Joanne was also one out of 1,400 applicants to receive scholarships from Honeywell. The scholarships provided teachers with astronaut training and lessons on how to incorporate that training in the classroom, in hopes of boosting K-12 science curriculum; and*

WHEREAS, *Joanne hit the ground running with accelerated lessons packed into 13 days of astronaut training, which included building rockets, simulating free-falls and training for zero gravity conditions; and*

WHEREAS, *Joanne believes that space is extremely important, especially for kids, and wants to be able to give them as much information as possible because it's fascinating to them; and*

WHEREAS, *when Joanne returned from her space adventure, she shared a slideshow of her quest with her students and plans to develop interactive curriculum based on her experience.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Mitch Ward, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, on behalf of the City Council, citizens and residents, do hereby commend*

JOANNE MICHAEL

for her outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and the City of Manhattan Beach.

DATED *this 21st day of September, 2010.*

Mayor Mitch Ward