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Resolution

of the City Council

Recognizing Virginia "Virgie" Avila

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Avila, a Grant High School English Instructor, is one of two Sacramento County teachers of the year for 2003, selected from a field of 16 finalists; and

WHEREAS, each year, individual Sacramento County school districts select their own Teacher of the Year, and each winning teacher then advances to the county program then to the state and finally on to the national program; and

WHEREAS, Virgie has had a varied career during her 34 years in education, most of it spent as a classroom teacher; and

WHEREAS, Virgie's love of teaching began as a young child at the age of 10 when she "taught" school in her garage to the neighborhood children; and

WHEREAS, Virgie has established a reputation with her students as a demanding but caring teacher, one who pushes you to reach your potential, and certainly is known for her commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Virgie tries to visit her student's families in their homes at least once a year to demonstrate her belief that "parents have to be our partners;" and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching, Virgie volunteers her time for such programs as the nonprofit Works in New Directions (WIND), the operator of a shelter and daytime drop-in center for teens near downtown, and in addition, in early evenings and on Saturdays, Virgie visits parks and light-rail stations to speak to teens offering help, to find a place to stay, or a line on a job.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby congratulate Virgie Avila on being selected as Teacher of the Year 2003, commend her for her commitment and dedication to our youth, and do hereby wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

ISSUED: This 15th Day of October 2002.

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