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# Resolution

## Commending of the City Council Parker-Whitney Elementary School Classes for their Contributions to the Sacramento Old City Cemetery

**WHEREAS**, for the past five years, over 400 students in fourth grade classes at Parker-Whitney Elementary School, Rocklin, California, have visited Sacramento's Historic Old City Cemetery as an educational tool, designed to introduce 10 to 11 year olds to local history and those pioneering forefathers who helped build this city; to change their perception of a cemetery; and to expose them to the aesthetics and beauty of the many hand-carved, marble headstones, comprising the collection of artifacts in this outdoor museum; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Old City Cemetery was the object of senseless vandalism and destruction in November, 1995, Parker-Whitney fourth grade students, who had visited the cemetery the prior month, donated funds to the cemetery that had been set aside for exchanging Christmas gifts in their classes in order to assist with the costs of repairing the damage sustained; and

**WHEREAS**, upon learning when of the most recent act of wanton vandalism committed on the weekend of January 23, 1999, teachers and students of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes of Parker-Whitney Elementary School, including many students who had previously visited the Old City Cemetery, determined to provide assistance; sent letters soliciting donations to parents of present and former students; and subsequently, donated the money raised by concerned students, teachers, and parents to the cemetery to once again help pay the costs of repair and restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of media coverage of the initiative displayed by Parker-Whitney Elementary School students to help repair vandalized stones and restore our treasured historic landmark, an outpouring of welcomed, although unexpected, support from the community has resulted; and consequently, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes of Parker-Whitney Elementary School have made a "priceless" contribution to the Sacramento Old City Cemetery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby commend and extend our deep appreciation to the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes of Parker-Whitney Elementary School of Rocklin, California, for their selfless acts of assistance and generous contributions to the Sacramento Old City Cemetery.

ISSUED: This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 1999

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