

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 3, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPAL RONNIE SMITH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Ronnie Lee Smith Day

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that oftentimes individuals who work quietly and diligently are not recognized. She recognized RONNIE T. SMITH, Principal of Edward W. Clark High School, who has improved the lives of students through exceptional leadership, compassion and vision. As Principal of Clark High School since February 12, 2001, MR. SMITH has made Clark High School a comprehensive high school, along with three magnet schools that have won numerous state and federal honors. All of the programs have been inducted into the Clark County School District's Excellence in Education Hall of Fame.

Clark High School led several years in the number of merit scholarships awarded. MR. SMITH has been selected as Nevada State Principal of the Year and Nevada State Assistant Principal of the Year. He began teaching in the Clark County School District 32 years ago at Jean Ward Elementary School and will be retiring this year. MR. SMITH has been a leader, a mentor and a friend to the community. He has worked closely with the City of Las Vegas by helping Keeping Everyone's Eye on the Neighborhood (KEEN), working with Metro and believing in improving the City by making Clark High School the hub for its community.

The Councilwoman remarked that sometimes a person does not receive the acclaim a person deserves when a harder path is taken. MR. SMITH did not walk the walk of the bureaucracy but the walk for the children and the parents. She presented MR. SMITH with a certificate and a crystal bowl trophy.

MR. SMITH thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition. He came to Clark County 34 years ago, and stated that it is not about what he has done but on what is done collectively. Any individual must have the support of others to accomplish and achieve anything. He told the students in the audience that they can do anything in their lives and to remember that there is always someone that will provide the support they will need to make great things happen. MR. SMITH stated he has had a wonderful career in Las Vegas but he attributed it to those who have supported him.