

## **AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

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**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

**RECOGNITION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE BY WARD 6 TEACHERS**

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Certificates of Accomplishment for Patrick Fitzgerald, Shelly Lawton and Gwen Amie

**Minutes:**

COUNCILMAN ROSS recognized three incredible educators from the Clark County School District, who dedicate their lives to education and youth. In reaching out to Ward 6, his office received three emails that stood out, which honored COACH PATRICK FITZGERALD, Shadow Ridge, who works hard to make sure the students understand concepts and is a constant communicator with parents; Teacher, SHELLY LAWTON, Shurkenbock Elementary School, who started a food pantry to ensure students were eating properly at home on weekends and is one example of her selfless act of compassion for the community; and ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL GWEN AMIE, who created a drug testing program at Centennial High School and works with hospitals to provide physicals at reduced costs to students and is also involved in organizations and societies designed to give young ladies with opportunities to learn about politics, proper dress and college application process. The Councilman applauded the families of these individuals and their support.

On behalf of SENATOR HARRY REID, JADA GARNES complimented MS. AMIE on her outstanding community service. MS. AMIE thanked her principal, TRENT DAY, for making her feel special. It is only natural for her to serve others as it runs in the family, and she encouraged her children to stay in school and put their best foot forward.

COUNCILMAN REESE noted that MS. LAWTON is the daughter of former CITY COUNCILMAN BOB NOLAN. MS. LAWTON expressed her love for teaching and thanked her principal as well. The food pantry has been a great success and looks forward to doing another one next year.

COACH FITZGERALD recognized the many other teachers who work hard every day, and he is inspired to not give up on the students. He appreciated the award.