

## **AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

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**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

**RECOGNITION OF R. GUILD GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN REESE recognized a special achievement by R. Guild Gray Elementary School. The school has been chosen as one of a few select schools in the nation to receive the coveted Blue Ribbon National School Designation. The award recognizes schools that are either academically superior or have made dramatic gains in student achievement by closing the gap in achievement among minority and disadvantaged students. R. Guild Gray Elementary School is located in the southwest portion of Las Vegas, and its student population reflects that of the entire district average for ethnicity and about 45 percent of its students qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program.

COUNCILMAN REESE was especially proud to recognize this school because his granddaughter, RYLIE GOMEZ, is a student there. He indicated that CARL JOHNSON, the Principal, and LINDEE WITT, presented at the Blue Ribbon Conference a proposal about the writing strategies that they are introducing at the school and its positive impact on the students writing scores. They were one of the few schools making the presentation across the nation. The Councilman presented MS. WITT with a Certificate of Appreciation. MS. WITT thanked the City Council for recognizing the school, and stated R. Guild Gray Elementary School was the only school in Clark County to receive the award being awarded this year.

COUNCILMAN REESE presented the student council officers. Included were COUNCILMAN REESE'S granddaughter, RILEY, 5th grade, Student President; STERLING PENNISTON-JOHN, 5th grade, Vice President; PERRY BARTON, 5th grade, Treasurer; CAMERON TUERKE, 5th grade, Secretary; MEGAN TUERKE, 4th Grade, Student Council Representative; TEXAS KING, 3rd Grade, Student Council Representative; and ZACHARY RAMOS, 5th Grade Student Council Representative. The students were invited to sit with the Council for a short portion of the meeting.