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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 7, 2010

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH KEANE FOR RECEIVING THE PRUDENTIAL
COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Elizabeth Keane Day

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN invited ELIZABETH KEANE, her parents, WALT RULFFES, Clark County School District Superintendent, CAROLYN EDWARDS, Member of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, and DARREN WEINERT, Principal, Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School, KEN HORTON, Prudential Financial.

MR. HORTON stated that his company, in association with schools' principals, sponsors a nationwide program for young people who have demonstrated this for the community. Each weekend, ELIZABETH has been tutoring 10 tenth graders in the community and helps them with their studies. Prudential has decided to award her the Silver Award Program for the spirit of community volunteers, and she will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, and she will be going to Washington D.C., where she will receive national recognition.

MR. HORTON commended her parents for constructing a school in their backyard where ELIZABETH has been holding class every Saturday for the past year.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN indicated that great teachers are born not trained because they have a heart and soul that reaches out to enrapture others in the joy of learning, which is what ELIZABETH has done. She is an eight-grader who has the strong love and core values of helping others. Prudential Financial awarded her the Prudential Spirit of Community Award as Nevada's top middle school volunteer. The hours of volunteer service she has accumulated qualified her for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Therefore, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA will be sending ELIZABETH the award, along with a letter.

The Councilwoman noted that ELIZABETH was inspired by her second grade teacher and created seats and desks out of cardboard boxes to play school on Sunday afternoons.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that ELIZABETH represents the future and her volunteer service represents the best way to help the nation. She proclaimed April 7, 2010 as ELIZABETH KEANE Day and presented her with the proclamation and a beautiful arrangement of roses.



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ELIZABETH thanked the Council and stated many of the kids she works with have learning disabilities, and it is fun to help them learn. She thanked her classmates for being present.

SUPERINTENDENT RULFEES congratulated ELIZABETH and remarked that an application is waiting for her at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). He thanked parents and teachers who help students. He expressed his appreciation to the City Council for pursuing recognition of students' leadership in the community. He has found that over the years the City Council recognized the value of Las Vegas, but also provided infrastructure issues for the entire school district community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE EDWARDS congratulated ELIZABETH.