

1 [Classified Employees Week]

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**Resolution supporting the negotiations in good faith between Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and United Educators of San Francisco (UESF) to ensure classified employees are adequately honored and appreciated for the invaluable service they provide to the children of San Francisco and further honoring and recognizing May 15 through May 21, 2005 as Classified Employees Week.**

WHEREAS, Classified employees protect our students, nourish their young minds and bodies by providing the only meals that our students will receive, but serve as the bridge between the parents and the school and are often the parents and grandparents of our students; and

WHEREAS, Classified employees further serve as translators, work with severely mentally and physically disabled students, provide clean classrooms and facilities, record and preserve their pertinent school records, maintain the libraries and provide an environment that is conducive to learning in San Francisco's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Classified employees have, over the last few years have, experienced increasing budget cuts resulting in reduced staffing and school closures; and

WHEREAS, Classified employees have had a larger share of the health care costs passed onto them, their retirement benefits attacked by the governor, and are threatened with losing their seniority rights under civil service reform proposals, and

WHEREAS, These valuable workers are not only the first workers to be laid off or displaced as school state monies erode, but they have not received a raise in the last three years; and

1           WHEREAS, the labor of these classified employees is critical to the overall effort to  
2 successfully educate San Francisco's school children and the next generation and these  
3 employees continue to provide an excellent service to the community under very difficult  
4 circumstances; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco hereby support the  
6 negotiations in good faith between Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and United  
7 Educators of San Francisco (UESF) to ensure that classified employees are adequately  
8 honored and appreciated for the invaluable service they provide to the children of San  
9 Francisco; and be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby honor and recognize  
11 May 15 through May 21, 2005 as Classified Employees Week.