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RESOLUTION NO. 130-05

[Alice Fong Yu School Tenth Anniversary.]

Resolution congratulating and commending the Alice Fong Yu Alternative School for ten years of excellence in Chinese Immersion Education.

WHEREAS, Alice Fong Yu was the first Chinese American teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District when she began her career in 1926; and,

WHEREAS, The Alice Fong Yu Alternative School is the nation's first public Chinese Immersion School ; and,

WHEREAS, Immersion education is an exciting and innovative academic language program designed for children of all ethnic backgrounds in which children develop the ability to speak, read and write in a second language; and,

WHEREAS, Knowledge of more than one language and culture is important for our children's full participation in a culturally and linguistically diverse world; and,

WHEREAS, The educational leaders of the San Francisco Unified School District believe that the opportunity to become fluent in a second language should be available to all children; and,

WHEREAS. Over thirty years of research conducted in immersion schools has shown that immersion students score above average in tests of their academic skills, while achieving a remarkable degree of fluency in the second language; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors congratulates and commends Alice Fong Yu Alternative School for ten years of excellence in Chinese Immersion Education.

Supervisor Ma, Elsbernd BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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February 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 15, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board FEB 2 4 2005 **Date Approved** Mayor Gavin Newsom