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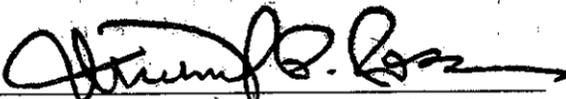
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CITY COUNCIL

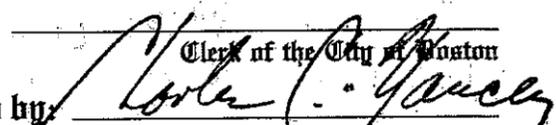
COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY, CHUCK TURNER & SAM YOON

New Mission High School's Day of Silence

- WHEREAS: The 16th of April, 2009 marks the 13th annual National Day of Silence, in which attention is brought to anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools; and
- WHEREAS: The National Day of Silence is a project of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, a leading national education organization focused on creating safe schools for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students; and
- WHEREAS: Over 8,000 middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the country last year participated in the National Day of Silence, protesting the detestable oppression of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered youth; and
- WHEREAS: Last year's Day of Silence was held in memory of Lawrence King, a 15-year-old eighth-grade student in Oxnard, California, who was shot and killed by a 14-year-old classmate because of his sexual orientation and gender expression; and
- WHEREAS: 1,512 hate crime offenses, based on sexual-orientation bias, were reported by law enforcement agencies in 2007, according to the FBI; and
- WHEREAS: All people must come together to turn back the anti-LGBT mentality and political legislation that is supported by a very bigoted anti-gay industry; and
- WHEREAS: The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which extends federal authority for investigation and prosecution of hate violence to crimes based on the victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability, was introduced by Representatives John Conyers and Mark Kirk on April 2, 2009. President Barack Obama has expressed support, vowing to sign the bill when it comes to his desk; Therefore Be It
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates every student of the New Mission High School for participating in the 13th National Day of Silence and for expressing concern for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: April 29, 2009