

Resolution

**Honoring the 50th Anniversary of
Bolsa Grande High School**

- WHEREAS, Bolsa Grande High School opened its doors on September 28, 1959, on 39 acres of land, becoming the third high school in Garden Grove and the first school to be included in the Garden Grove Union High School District; and
- WHEREAS, The first school newspaper was called El Diestro, meaning skillful bullfighter, while the first school yearbook was and continues to be titled El Espadero, the top bullfighter; and
- WHEREAS, Bolsa Grande's football stadium, completed in the spring of 1963, is one of two in the Garden Grove Unified School District, serving seven high schools, and in the 60's was home to the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival; and
- WHEREAS, Under the direction of Robert L. Day, the Bolsa Grande Concert Choir was founded in 1960 and over the next five years performed throughout the western United States including at the Seattle World's Fair, Hickam Air Force base in Honolulu, and numerous appearances on television; and
- WHEREAS, "Matador Pride" has been the rallying cry for 48 league championships, including the 1986 CIF Central Division championship Matador football team, led by Coach Greg Shadid, also named California's 2-A Division Coach of the Year; and
- WHEREAS, From Bolsa Grande's first principal, Myron Green, to its current principal, Denise Jay, the student body has grown from 200 to 1800. Bolsa has been recognized by the California Department of Education as being both a California Distinguished School and two-time Title 1 Academic Achievement Winner; and
- WHEREAS, The demographic make-up of the school is a reflection of the changes the city of Garden Grove has undergone in the past 50 years with the cultural additions of primarily vietnamese and hispanic; and
- WHEREAS, Bolsa Grande High School has provided an excellent education to thousands of graduates in its 50 years of service. Among these graduates are war veterans, teachers, Olympic and professional athletes, emmy-award winning news reporters, musicians, entrepreneurs, police, lawyers, clergy, artists, and community and business leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby venerably honor the milestone 50th Anniversary of Bolsa Grande High School and its distinguished history of success that has enhanced the quality of higher learning in Garden Grove.

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