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WHEREAS, on May 13, 2001, 14 parents and community activists began a hunger strike demanding that the city move forward with building the promised school; and

WHEREAS, the group known as "The 14" or sometimes the "Hunger Strikers" fasted for 19 days, drinking only water; and

WHEREAS, "The 14" camped outside the site at 31st Street and Kostner Avenue, drawing media attention and political pressure; and

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WHEREAS, each school has its own principal and teaching staff, and has approximately 385 to 400 students; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Little Village Lawndale High School (LVLHS) in honor of its outstanding work.

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