

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 14-251**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JANA DIAMOND ON BEING NAMED
TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE RED BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Councilwoman Horgan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Jana Diamond graduated from Marlboro High School and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University and a Master's Degree at Monmouth University

WHEREAS, Ms. Diamond received the New Jersey Governor's Teacher of the Year Award for 2014 and has shown her dedication to the children of Red Bank and to the field of teaching in many ways; and

WHEREAS, she once volunteered to travel to the village of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to teach English to a group of children who lived in an orphanage and while there she learned Swahili words and songs which she later shared with her class; and

WHEREAS, in February of this year, Ms. Diamond represented the State of New Jersey at the Brain Quest Conference in Seattle, Washington, which is sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Ms. Diamond was chosen from all the Kindergarten teachers in the State to represent New Jersey and was one of only four kindergarten teachers in the Country invited to attend; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2014 she was chosen as a "Teachers Who Rock" winner in a contest sponsored by the 95.9FM WRAT radio station and, that same month, also participated in ACNJ Prek-3rd Summit at Rutgers representing Red Bank Primary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Diamond was the subject of a video showing how to be an effective kindergarten teacher that was filmed in her classroom by the Department of Education and it is now being shown by them as a training tool throughout the State for various levels of education; and

WHEREAS, she begins every new school year with a lesson on "Who Can Do It" by reading "The Little Engine That Could" and instills in every child that there is nothing they cannot do when they try and believe in themselves; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her dedication to the children of Red Bank, Ms. Diamond has been named by the Red Bank Primary School as its Teacher of the Year for 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank to commend and congratulate Jana Diamond on the accomplishment of being named 2014 Teacher of the Year and, on behalf of the citizens of Red Bank, thank her for her dedication to the Borough's children and express to her the warmest and best wishes for continuing health and happiness.

Seconded by Councilman Zipprich and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Murphy	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Lewis	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman DuPont	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: September 10, 2014