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Oakland City Council

RESOLUTION No. 83770 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy Nadel

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING THE "MUSIC THEY PLAYED ON 7TH STREET, OAKLAND WALK OF FAME" AS A PERMANENT HISTORICAL PIECE OF 7TH STREET IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, "the Music They Played on 7th Street, Oakland Walk of Fame" pays tribute to the great musicians, club owners, record companies and related independent businesses that put 7th Street on the map as a top entertainment destination; and

WHEREAS, This installation is dedicated to those who created, produced, presented and played America's indigenous musical art form – blues, jazz and gospel; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Blues Society saw the need to bring the musical history of 7th Street in West Oakland to a new light; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Blues Society, the City of Oakland, Bay Area Rapid Transit Authority, Metropolitan Transportation Commission on Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, the Department of Transportation, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Capital Investment Program, the Alameda County Transportation Authority Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Program worked together to fund and install this historical treasure on 7th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Music They Played on 7th Street will bring pride to the at risk youth of the community and inform the general public of how 7th Street was referred to as "the Harlem of the West Coast;" and,

WHEREAS, there is a great deal of history that 7th Street has not been noted for: the music term "jazz," the first band to ever use the word jazz in its band name, and the style of music they were playing was introduced by an Oakland born musician named Sidney Le Protti and his "So Different Jazz Band" in 1915; and

WHEREAS, the Music They Played on 7th Street, Oakland Walk of Fame is located on 7th Street in front of the West Oakland Bart Station, from Center Street to Chester Street; now, therefore be it

REVOLVED: The City of Oakland City hereby commends and recognizes "the Music They Played on 7th Street, Oakland Walk of Fame" as a permanent historical piece of 7th Street's long and glorious music era; and, be it

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Office of the City Attorney

FURTHER RESOLVED: "The Music They Played on 7th Street, Oakland Walk of Fame" is hereby and forever more recognized as an historical treasure in the City of Oakland and celebrated accordingly in the City of Oakland, and throughout the State of California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNAM, NADEL, SCHAAF, AND

NOES - A

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

Excused - Kernighan, Reid-2 ATTEST. Word Simmons

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California