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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Schaaf

***RESOLUTION HONORING FUKUOKA, JAPAN, SISTER CITY,
ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH OAKLAND, AND
OUR JOINT ARTIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM***

Whereas, in 1962 the City of Oakland and the City of Fukuoka, Japan became sister cities because of the many cultural and physical qualities shared by the two cities, and because of the leadership of then Oakland Mayor John Houlihan, Oakland Parks Commissioner Frank Ogawa and Fukuoka Mayor Genzo Abe; and

Whereas, the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (OFSCA) now celebrates fifty years of sister city partnership, in which our two cities share arts and cultural exchanges as well as critical earthquake and tsunami preparation knowledge; and

Whereas, Whereas, on August 17 through August 20, 2012, Oakland received a delegation from Fukuoka that included Mayor Shochiro Takashima and other Fukuoka officials, business representatives and citizens, and in November, 2012 an Oakland delegation will embark to Fukuoka; and

Whereas, the 50th signature celebratory events of the 50th anniversary of sister-city friendship between Fukuoka and Oakland includes the first-ever art exchange between Oakland artist James Gayles and Fukuoka artist Hiroko To, consisting of thirty eight pieces, first shown in Fukuoka, then displayed at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center in Oakland's Chinatown; and

Whereas, another hallmark event took place on August 19, 2012 with the dedication of 10 Japanese lanterns at the Torii Gate at Lake Merritt in Oakland, which were copied from a lantern design at Kashii Shrine in Fukuoka; and

Whereas, in Japan this past May, the artist exchange exhibition was accompanied by a student workshop consisting of high school and sophomore college art students from Fukuoka to design a painting made by Oakland artist, James Gayles, the final design which was presented as a gift to Fukuoka, Japan.

Resolved: that the City of Oakland honors our Sister City Fukuoka, Japan, on the 50TH Anniversary of friendship and partnership, and for our first ever Artist Exchange Program.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California