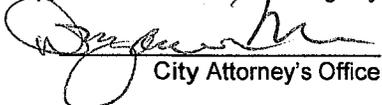


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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUSTANDING PERFORMANCES AND FIRST PLACE AWARDS IN THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ORATORICAL FEST 2015

**WHEREAS**, the youth of Oakland participated in the Oakland Unified School District's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Fest, now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest began with a vision from eight community and school members who desired to see the rich oral tradition of the African American community provided to students within an academic setting; and

**WHEREAS**, this Festival encourages students to think critically about Dr. King's legacy and philosophy and how it can inspire us to transform our lives, our communities and society; and

**WHEREAS**, over 1,200 student representatives from Kindergarten to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, competed in four categories including Individual Poetry, Original Poetry, Famous Speeches, and Choral Speaking/Dramatic Skit and moved the audience while provoking thought and conversation; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in oratorical competitions encourages and celebrates excellent models of reading, writing, speaking and listening; this supports Oakland Unified School District's goals of all students reading and writing at or above grade level; and

**WHEREAS**, the great effort, hard work and civic dedication of this year's first place winners are shining examples of the future of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council honors the first place winners in the Oakland Unified School District's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest, and celebrates the outstanding efforts of all of the participants.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -  
ABSENT -  
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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