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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

COMMENDING REV. DR. JASPER LOWERY JR. ON HIS TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lowery was born and raised in Oakland and is a proud product of the Oakland Unified School District and Chabot College; and

WHEREAS, he is a licensed Minister and ordained Pastor who holds degrees in Theology specializing in pastoral leadership and evangelistic community outreach and is certified to operate licensed care facilities for individuals with special mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years throughout California, Rev. Dr. Lowery has dedicated his life to serving those in need including those going through a mental health crisis, residents returning from incarceration, residents experiencing homelessness, mothers with children in crisis, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lowery was the first area team leader for the crime reduction street outreach team in 2008 under Measure Y when he led various groups into Oakland's most notorious hot spots for violence in order to reduce violence by bringing resources and support for the youth in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, due to his success leading the street outreach teams, Rev. Dr. Lowery continue to be called upon for support and guidance for today's teams and continues to serve the City of Oakland in its violence prevention efforts in his capacity as a law enforcement chaplain for the Bay Area Rapid Transit system; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lowery has led Urojas Community Services for the past twenty years and has supported over 280 people daily as well as bringing many individuals off of the street and into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Lowery is renowned for his compassion and dedication to service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby commends Rev. Dr. Jasper Lowery Jr. on his twenty years of service and thanks him for his dedication to the community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, 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