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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 79492 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Laurence Reid

## RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE OAKLAND-EAST BAY CHAPTER OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.

**WHEREAS,** Jack and Jill of America, Inc., was founded by Marion Stubbs Thomas in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 1, 1938 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1941; and;

**WHEREAS,** at the time of its founding, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., consisted of approximately 20 mothers who established the organization to bring together children in a social and cultural relationship; and

**WHEREAS,** Jack and Jill of America, Inc., now has approximately 216 chapters in 36 states and the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oakland Bay Area Chapter of Jack and Jill, Inc., was organized 50 years ago in 1955 by 25 chapter members, who served as sponsors for the new group; and

**WHEREAS,** the first president of the Oakland Bay Area Chapter was Winifred Younge, the mother and namesake of the Honorable Winifred Younge Smith, Alameda County Superior Court Judge, and a graduate of the Oakland East Bay Chapter; and

**WHEREAS,** due to interest in the organization, the number of members grew so large that the organization established a number of chapters in the Bay Area including, but not limited to, the Oakland East Bay Chapter, the San Francisco Chapter and the Contra Costa County Chapter; and

**WHEREAS,** Jack and Jill of America, Inc., is a non-profit organization consisting of mothers of children between the ages of two and 19, which dedicates its resources to improving the quality of life for children, particularly African American;

**WHEREAS,** the Oakland East Bay Chapter is chartered for 85 mother members; and families and the organization's primary goals are to:

- create a medium of contact for children that will stimulate growth and development and to provide constructive education, cultural, civic, recreational and social programs
- aid mothers in learning more about their children by careful study

- seek for all children the same advantages that we desire for our own
- support all legislation sponsored by the National organization aimed at bettering the conditions of our children; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oakland East Bay Chapter has established a number of scholarships, including a scholarship in the name of the Chapter's first president, Winifred Younge, which is provided each year to a deserving student designated by the Marcus Foster Institute; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oakland East Bay Chapter also takes pride in supporting the Jack and Jill Foundation which focuses on bringing minority children into the mainstream of American life by hosting fundraisers and undertaking projects such as Project LOVE, a service project for underprivileged youth and engages in many community service projects each year, such as the Oakland Marathon, the United Negro College Fund Walkathon, feeding the homeless and hungry in Oakland's Jefferson Park, donating goods for the homeless and to children in shelters, Christmas caroling at local senior citizen's homes, Earth Day environmental clean up activities and Project Safety net; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oakland East Bay Chapter, headed by President Denise Eaton May, Esq., is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oakland East Bay Chapter will commemorate this half-century landmark at a Pink and Blue Gala on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, celebration and fundraiser, at the elegant and historic Rotunda Building in the heart of downtown Oakland; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the City of Oakland honors and pays tribute to the Oakland East Bay Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., for five decades of work enriching members' children's lives and their education, performing community service activities, providing scholarship awards and sponsoring activities and projects and supporting legislation to bring minority children into the mainstream of America; and be it

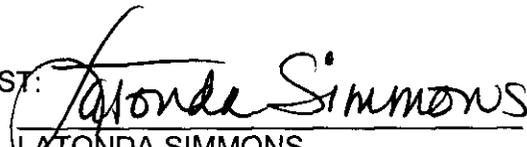
**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council congratulate the Oakland East Bay Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. on the historic occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCT 04 2005

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID,  
CHANG, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE -8

NOES - 0  
ABSENT - 0  
ABSTENTION - 0

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