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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Resolution Honoring (Texas) Helene Hurd Nixon on the Occasion of Her 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, (Texas) Helene Hurd Nixon was born on March 2, 1910 in Eagle Lake, Texas to Herbert Daniel Hurd and Etta May McCulla Hurd who gave her the first name of "Texas" because she was born on Texas' Independence Day and Sam Houston's birthday; and

WHEREAS, Helene spent her early years in Texas and Minnesota, loved to ride her horse Prince to school, and grew up at Hurd's Acres, a summer resort in Mantrap Valley in Northern Minnesota on a chain of twelve lakes; and

WHEREAS, Helene graduated from St Cloud State Teachers College in Minnesota and taught school in Park Rapids Minnesota and then moved to Arizona in 1945 to teach kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Helene moved to Stockton in 1951 and worked as a first grade teacher, reading specialist, and, during the summers, as preschool teacher at the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, a program of the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Helene was the lead consultant for Early Childhood Education for 10 years in Stockton and coordinated 3 children centers, and numerous pre-school programs in schools and home-school satellites through out San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, Helene retired in 1975 (mandatory at 65) and moved to the East Bay in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Helene has been a poetess all her life and has received numerous awards for her poetry and has written extensively on Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Helene's interests include cooking, writing poetry, sewing, and following and commenting on the news of the day; and

WHEREAS, Helene will be celebrating with her son James Nixon, daughter-in-law, Jane Brunner, granddaughter, Sirona Nixon, and with her many relatives and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council hereby honors (Texas) Helene Hurd Nixon on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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