

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. 79670

C.M.S.

2006 JAN 30 PM 3: 55

**HONORING RAYMOND R. ABELS, JR. FOR HIS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, Raymond R. Abels, Jr. was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**WHEREAS**, Raymond R. Abels, Jr. served in the U.S. Army and after being discharged in 1962 relocated to Southern California where he met his wife and had three children. While living in Southern California he owned various businesses which included a printing business, a restaurant and a hotel & lodge in a ski resort. It was during this time that he was introduced to the Bingo industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond R. Abels Jr. moved to the Bay Area in 1995 and in 1996 founded Community Charities, which generates funds through Bingo fundraisers at Durant Square for youth and educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond R. Abels Jr., under his leadership as President of Community Charities, Bingo at Durant Square has grown from one night to seven nights a week; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond R. Abels Jr. and Community Charities has donated approximately \$350,000 to youth and educational programs in the City of Oakland; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the City Council expresses its appreciation to **Raymond R. Abels Jr.** for his financial contributions and commitment to the residents of the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JAN 17 2006, 20

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, 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