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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 85291 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS SCHAAF, REID, GIBSON-MCELHANEY AND KALB

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### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PATRICIA KERNIGHAN FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO HER CONSTITUENTS AND TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Patricia Kernighan started her career with the City of Oakland when she was appointed to the Library Advisory Commission, and later join the staff of then District 2 Councilmember John Russo in 1999 and served as Chief of Staff to his successor Danny Wan; and

**WHEREAS**, in her capacity as Chief of Staff, Patricia Kernighan shepherded the renovation of Oakland's Splash Pad Park, which is now home to the very successful Grand Lake Farmers Market; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Kernighan co-authored Measure DD, the "Clean Water, Safe Parks" Bond Measure of 2002, which funded the creation of the new and immediately loved four-acre park and amphitheater, the jewel of Lake Merritt, among other wildly popular transformations surrounding Lake Merritt; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 the residents of Oakland's Council District 2 elected Patricia Kernighan as their Councilmember, and through a commonsense approach she has praise throughout Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Kernighan has worked hard to ensure city services for her constituents, and leveraged neighborhood efforts to maximize the use of City resources, and the results include the closing-down of problematic motels, the improved management of the Oakland Housing Authority, pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements and mitigations for businesses impacted by Bus Rapid Transit; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Kernighan has championed efforts to attract retail to Oakland's commercial areas, pushed for sound fiscal oversight of City finances, critically analyzed difficult policy proposals, asked difficult but necessary questions, and often facilitated compromises among stakeholders and elected leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Councilmember Kernighan was elected by her peers to serve as Council President for 2013 and 2014, and in this capacity President Kernighan led council actions with great dedication, leadership, poise, and thoughtfulness, setting a dignified and respectful tone for productive Council meetings; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City Council, on behalf of the entire City of Oakland, honors Patricia Kernighan for her outstanding dedication and service to her constituents and to the City of Oakland.


IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,  DEC 09 2014

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN -8

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ATTEST:

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