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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

**COMMENDING CHIEF GERALD SIMON
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AND
CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon began his employment with the City of Oakland on April 19, 1999 as Chief of the Oakland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon previously served for 6 years as Fire Chief of the City of Santa Clara, California, where he began his fire service career in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon has been a fire officer since 1983 and his assignments included fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous materials, technical support services, and 911 center management; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon graduated from St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco and Santa Clara University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon has been a fire service instructor and faculty advisor for two community colleges and a disaster preparedness instructor for California Specialized Training Institute; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon has served as the President of the Fire Chiefs Section of the League of California Cities, and is currently serving on the League's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon currently volunteers as a teacher and mentor at the Executive Development Institute of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters at Dillard University, New Orleans; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon is the corresponding secretary of the Black Chief Officers Committee of the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon has also served on the Governance Committee of the California Emergency Medical Services *Vision* Project and the State of California Prevention 2010 Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon has devoted more than two decades coaching children and adults in various sports, has been a counselor for troubled youth, and serves as a mentor to those who seek advancement in the professional fire service; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon received a fellowship in 1999 from the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Fire Protection Association to participate in the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon has served as a member of delegations to Russia, China and Great Britain to teach and mentor fire service members on Critical Incident Stress Management, Fire Prevention and Minority Recruitment; and

WHEREAS, Gerald A. Simon was honored in January, 2004 to be chosen as the instructor of a class on leadership in the Executive Development Course at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, so therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby expresses appreciation and commends Gerald A. Simon on behalf of the citizens of Oakland for his contributions to the City and to the Fire Service, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be suitably inscribed to Fire Chief Gerald A. Simon as an appreciation for his dedicated service and with best wishes for his future endeavors.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NAYS-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Clerk of the

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