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2011 JAN 27 PM **RESOLUTION No. 83062 C.M.S.**

Introduced by Council President Brunner

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE CITY AND PORT OF OAKLAND  
EMPLOYEES' CHORUS FOR OVER SEVENTY YEARS OF ANNUAL HOLIDAY  
CONCERTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland Holiday Choir was founded in 1940 by City of Oakland employee, Elsie Giani, who served as official Chairperson of the City of Oakland Holiday Choir until her retirement in 1983, and still continues her enthusiastic support, guidance and direction to maintain and nourish the life of the choir; and

**WHEREAS**, the first concert of the City of Oakland Holiday Choir was performed in December 1941 beneath the beautifully decorated holiday tree on the marble staircase in Oakland's City Hall Rotunda by Elsie, her sister Albina, and three women from Elsie's church choir, accompanied by City employee Hilda Brandt on the organ; and

**WHEREAS**, for over seven decades, the City of Oakland Holiday Choir has provided numerous concerts every Holiday Season and has also performed at many City functions including Employee Recognition Ceremonies, the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Port of Oakland, The Christmas Pageant, Lake Merritt Caroling Boat Rides, the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the City of Oakland, the passing of the Olympic Torch when it came to Oakland and for many years sang daily on the popular local radio station KLX; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland Holiday Choir, now known as The City and Port of Oakland Employees' Chorus, has continued to prosper and thrive, having grown to over twenty five members, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the city council hereby honor the City and Port of Oakland Employees' Chorus for over seventy years of annual holiday concerts.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 7 2010, 20    


**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER -- 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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