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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHAAF, GIBSON MCELHANEY, AND CITY ATTORNEY PARKER

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### **RESOLUTION HONORING THE TWENTY OAKLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED PERFECT SCORES ON THEIR 2013 CALIFORNIA SKILLS TEST FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the California Skills Test (CST) is part of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program, which was, until the 2103-14 school year, the primary method of measuring student achievement in the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the CST consists of English Language Arts, Math, and Science sections, and a perfect score on one of these sections is a rarity among all students who take the CST each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis Bowen, Tariyah Morris, Jaylen Thompson, Elise Bourelly, Tyler French, Nicholas Pinon, Steven Edwards, Dominic MacMillan, Asha Dunn, Sanaa Howell, Malik Ewing, Damion Lyons, Niera Thompson, Benjamin Wiison-Ripsom, James Alexander, Anton Walker, Syler Bryant, Luseni Monya-Tambi, Desonn Shipp, and Cami Smith-Dahl have indeed each scored a perfect score on one or more of the CST sections; and

**WHEREAS**, these exceptional students attend Brookfield Village, Burckhalter, Chabot, Cleveland, Crocker, Esperanza, Glenview, Grass Valley, Joaquin Miller, Montclair, Peralta and Piedmont elementary schools, KIPP Bridge Charter School or Oakland Tech High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Unified School District's (OUSD) African American Male Achievement (AAMA) program is also helping to shine a light on the accomplishments and brilliance of Oakland's African American children by raising academic expectations engaging families; and

**WHEREAS**, these young African American students now serve as exemplary role models for the rest of the entire OUSD and Oakland Charter School student population; and

**WHEREAS**, these students remind us all of what can be accomplished through personal hard work combined with support from communities, families, and schools; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council honors the twenty Oakland OUSD and KIPP Bridge Charter School African American students who achieved perfect scores on their 2013 California Skills Test for their tremendous dedication and perseverance.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

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ATTEST:

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