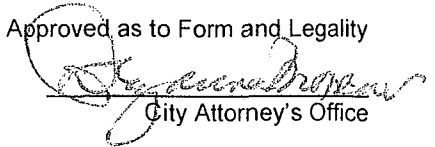


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUSTANDING PERFORMANCES AND FIRST PLACE AWARDS IN THE 37TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ORATORICAL FEST 2016

WHEREAS, the youth of Oakland participated in the Oakland Unified School District's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Fest, now in its 37th year. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest began with a vision from eight community and school members who desired to see the rich oral tradition of the African American community provided to students within an academic setting; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest encourages students to think critically about Dr. King's legacy and philosophy and how it can inspire them to transform their lives, their communities and society; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 student representatives from Kindergarten to the 12th grade, competed in four categories including Individual Poetry, Original Poetry, Famous Speeches, and Choral Speaking/Dramatic Skit and moved the audience while provoking thought and conversation; and

WHEREAS, participation in oratorical competitions encourages and celebrates excellent models of reading, writing, speaking and listening; this supports Oakland Unified School District's goals of all students reading and writing at or above grade level; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous effort, hard work and civic dedication of this year's first place winners is a shining example of the future of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council honors the first place winners in the Oakland Unified School District's 37th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest, and celebrates the outstanding efforts of all of the participants.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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