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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

**HONORING JOSEPH HARABURDA FOR A QUARTER  
CENTURY OF SERVICE MARKED BY NUMEROUS  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, A POWERFUL DOWNTOWN  
MONUMENT AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, since 1996 Joe Haraburda has held the position of President and CEO of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the largest and most diverse business organization in the East Bay, serving member companies and affiliate members with upwards of 200,000 employees throughout the East Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to becoming president Joe had a 35-year career in newspaper publishing serving as general manager of the *Oakland Tribune*, associate publisher and then publisher of what is now the Bay Area News Group, senior vice president of The Washington Post Company, and director of The *Wilmington Journal & Morning News*; and holding senior management positions at The *Philadelphia Inquirer* and suburban newspapers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has promoted regional leadership on economic development, hosting regional "mega-summits" on trade and logistics, technology and innovation, health care, green and clean technology, food manufacturing, art/design and digital media and the Oakland Partnership, and speaking loudly for regional collaboration at the local and state level; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has engaged local organizations and neighborhood business improvement districts as partners on issues important to public safety and the economic growth of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe facilitated the formation of the East Bay Women in Business Roundtable, the Non-Profit Roundtable and the Oakland Restaurant Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe promoted the establishment of the Small Business Development Center, for which the Oakland Chamber now serves as its home, thereby supporting this essential tool for local growth and small business support; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe is the founder of America's Children's Holiday Parade, one of the largest children's parades in the United States, which is now televised nationally and worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe spearheaded the drive to fund the fabrication and installation in Oakland's Uptown of the Remember Them Monument dedicated to notable humanitarians; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has served as a confidant to the region's elected officials, appointed commissioners and leaders of businesses of all sizes; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: that the Oakland City Council joins the Board of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce in honoring Joseph Haraburda for his 17 years of extraordinary leadership at the helm of the Oakland Chamber, wish for him and his wife Cathy wonderful days ahead in his retirement, and proclaim December 19, 2013 as Joseph Haraburda Day in Oakland, California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –  
ABSENT –  
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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