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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 82696 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

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**Resolution Honoring Khalil Shaheed, Founder Of The Oaktown Jazz Workshops Program In Oakland And Director Of Khalil Shaheed Music, For His Outstanding Musical Prowess, Contributions To Music Education, And Extraordinary Accomplishments In The World Of Jazz Music; And Selfless Contributions To The City Of Oakland And Its Residents**

**WHEREAS**, Khalil Shaheed, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, moved to Chicago as a small kid who by the time he was a senior in high school was playing at the Regal Theater substituting for professional musicians when they could not make a performance; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving to California to study Music Education and Performance at San Francisco State University, Khalil spent six years touring with the legendary R & B artist, Buddy Miles eventually recording four albums together that lead to a partnership that helped launch Khalil into an extraordinary musical career, during which time he has played alongside many of the legends of the jazz world, such as Jimi Hendrix, Woody Shaw and Taj Mahal to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Khalil has been featured as a jazz soloist with the Oakland East Bay Symphony Orchestra, who as a performer has played with four different bands: Big Belly Blues, Mo'Rockin Project, the jazz improvisation group Open Mind Ensemble, and the Redwood Brass Band, a classical quartet; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, Khalil founded Oakland's Oaktown Jazz Workshops program which through an extensive range of programs, helped bring an awareness of and love for jazz to students of all ages by which through Oaktown Jazz, students learn to perform as part of a jazz ensemble guided by professional musicians where Khalil has dedicated time and energy into our youth; he focuses not only on giving students a music education, but gives them a means of expression to find artistic areas in themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, amongst Khalil's many contributions to the world of jazz music, is his contributions to the city of Oakland and its residents where he would gather jazz musicians and take to different neighborhoods so that people who could not attend jazz concerts could still experience the music; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his lifetime of outstanding musical prowess and contributions to music education, Khalil Shaheed has received awards and recognitions from numerous sectors; his Big Belly Blues Band album received a Grammy® nomination in 2002 in the New Blues Artists category; that same year the City of Oakland presented Khalil with its "Key to Creativity" award, lauding him as one of the city's most renowned artists; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003 the City of Oakland also presented Khalil with an Individual Artist Grant, which enabled him to present The Road, an original concert work at Oakland's Asian Cultural Center, his most recent award is the "Oakland Indie 2009" Award in the "Soul" category; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that Khalil Shaheed has offered a wealth of services in the music industry, including educational programs, music festival consulting, composing and recording services, performances, and more; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that Khalil Shaheed, whose career spans more than four decades deserves to be honored; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council, hereby honors Khalil Shaheed for his outstanding musical prowess, contributions to music education, and extraordinary accomplishments in the world of jazz music and selfless contributions to the City Of Oakland and its residents.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 4 2010, 2010

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, ~~DE LA FUENTE~~, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and  
PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 7

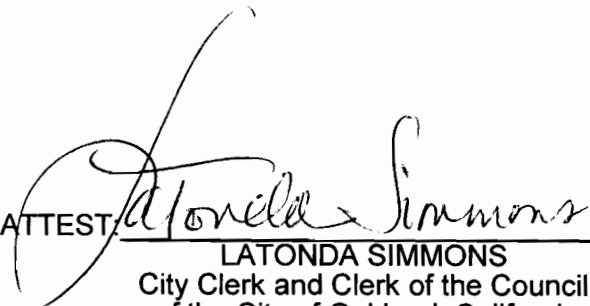
NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

Excused- De La Fuente- 1

ATTEST

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