

  
City Attorney**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL****RESOLUTION No. 80630 C.M.S.**

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE McClymonds High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team for their Outstanding Season and Reaching the Division I State Championship Finals**

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2007, the McClymonds High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, *The Warriors*, won the CIF Section Championships, advancing to the State Finals, making their first appearance at the state championships since 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Head Coach Dwight Nathaniel, a 1974 McClymonds graduate, and Assistant Coach Brandon Brooks, McClymonds' starting point guard in the 1978 Northern California Tournament of Champions title game (which McClymonds won), on March 10, 2007, *The Warriors* overpowered defending state champ, the De La Salle Spartans, 46-36 in the CIF Northern California Division I boys' semifinals; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Warriors* advanced to the Northern California Championship at the Stockton Arena on March 17, 2007, continuing an impressive playoff run with a thrilling 69-68 overtime win against Oak Grove for the NorCal Regional Championship title; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Warriors* then faced the SoCal Regional Champions, the Fairfax Lions, at the Arco Arena in Sacramento on March 24, 2007, losing the game but still ranking # 2 in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, a member of each team at the state championships is awarded the Pursuing Victory with Honor Award, and this year that award went to Frank Otis, McClymonds' power forward; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Warriors*, also known as "The Mack Family" for playing with a lot of heart, had a stunning season overall, recognized for their phenomenal team pressure defense, with an overall record of 28 wins and 4 losses, and a league record of 9 wins and 1 loss, winning the Oakland Athletic League Championship, the Section Championship, and the NorCal Regional Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, after the championships, the Reverend Jesse Jackson congratulated the McClymonds High School boys basketball team during a stop in West Oakland, commending the team for practicing six days a week, three hours a day, while pursuing academic excellence as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the McClymonds team has five graduating seniors – Antwon Graham (#14), Vincent McGhee (#20), Michael Brown (#32), Dannon Lemon (#34), and Christopher Randel (#42) – all of whom are heading to college, proving them as the champions they have been proclaimed; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council recognizes and praises the McClymonds High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, *The Warriors*, and their coaches for their outstanding season, for their academic success, and for their status as the 2007 NorCal Regional Champions.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 19 2007, 20    

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST <sup>7</sup> LaTonda Simmons  
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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California