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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY MAYOR RONALD V. DELLUMS &
COUNCILMEMBER LARRY E. REID**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISSUANCE OF POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR
OF NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRADLEY**

WHEREAS, the unsung heroes of the governing of this Nation are the thousands of local elected government officials: Mayors, Council members and Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Nation honor the service of these dedicated officeholders by issuing a postal stamp in honor of one of their rank: former Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Bradley was a leader of national and international stature. He was President of the National League of Cities in 1974 and President of the California League of Cities in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley was first elected Mayor of Los Angeles in 1973, and he paved the way for many other leaders on the local and national level. Although he made history as the first black mayor of a major city, Tom Bradley ran and won his campaign, pledging to be a representative of the entire city; and his achievement of this promise made him one of this Nation's most respected mayors; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley's career was the implementation of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's and 70's. After 21 years of service to the Los Angeles Police Department, he retired with the rank of lieutenant in 1961 and began to practice law. In 1963 he ran for a seat on the Los Angeles City Council. He won and served for 10 years before becoming the city's 37th Mayor in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bradley opened the doors of city hall; his staff and administration appointees represented the rich cultural fabric of the city. He attracted businesses to the city and established policies that resulted in the dramatic resurgence of the downtown Los Angeles economic center. He turned the city's harbor and airports into top-of-the-line businesses, expanding the number of people employed and the city's ability to compete in a world market; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bradley also focused his attention on creating economic opportunities both for the inner city, as well as the entire city, where he put forward affordable housing and fair planning policies; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley's achievement as the first African American Mayor of a large metropolitan area helped to transform municipal government throughout our nation and gave new stature for city leaders on the international scene; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Bradley's record of service to Los Angeles and to the nation is so exceptional that it is especially fitting that the achievement and legacy of this great man be marked by the issuance of a special commemorative U.S. Postal Stamp in his honor; so therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City of Oakland recognizes the national interest in commending the service which local elected officials provide to the nation, supports the issuance of a commemorative U.S. Postal stamp in honor of past National League of Cities President Mayor Tom Bradley and urges the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service to approve the issuance of such a stamp.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California