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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

RESOLUTION HONORING HENRY CHANG, JR. FOR FOURTEEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND AS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Henry Chang, Jr. was first elected to the Oakland City Council as Councilmember At-Large on December 6, 1994; and having served all the citizens of Oakland for fourteen years is retiring from the Oakland City Council on January 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Chang has provided exceptional leadership on the Oakland City Council by serving as Vice Mayor four times, Chair of Life Enrichment Committee, Co-Chair of Education Partnership Committee, Chair of Public Works Committee, Chair of GHAD Committee, Chair of Safe Passages, Chair of the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention JPA, Chair & member of the Alameda County Transportation/Improvement Authority, executive board member of the Association of Bay Area Governments; member of the East Bay Reuse Commission, A.C. Transit Major Investment Steering Committee, City-Port Liaison Committee, member of the Oakland Base Reuse Authority, and member of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Anti-Crime Committee to name a few; Councilmember Chang has also served on many other local and regional commissions since 1974; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Chang has also taken leadership in sponsoring important gun legislation such as banning junk guns from being sold in Oakland and in the surrounding cities; sponsored legislation to ban ultra compact guns; sponsored a tax on guns and ammunition sold in Oakland to offset the high cost of violence caused by guns; sponsored Oakland's Stolen Gun Ordinance; was a strong and vocal supporter on the City Council of the Police Department's Gun Tracing Program; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Chang has served the citizens of Oakland for fourteen years by creating many valuable programs, such as the Citizens' Assistance Center, the Oakland Citizens Academy to provide training to Oakland residents on how the City works; and

WHEREAS, during his fourteen years as Councilmember At-Large, Henry Chang has been instrumental in promoting international trade and successfully establishing nine Oakland sister cities with China, Vietnam, Mongolia, Italy, Cuba, Japan, Africa, Jamaica, and Russia, as well as 19 friendship cities with China; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is given to Councilmember Chang for his eleven year effort to bring a pair of Giant Pandas to the Oakland Zoo; the ultimate success of Oakland's Giant panda Project will be a result of Councilmember Henry Chang's leadership, perseverance, and friendship with the People's Republic of China ; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr. has served on the Oakland City Council since 1994, where he led the fight to remove illegal guns from our neighborhoods, moved Oakland to become an international trading partner, helped establish after school homework centers, established the Citizens of Oakland Response to Emergencies (CORE) to assist citizens to learn about disaster planning; expanded support services for seniors and youth, and played an instrumental role in implementing the City's Community Policing Program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council commends Councilmember Henry Chang, Jr. for fourteen years of exemplary service and commitment to the people of Oakland; for all his great achievements and contributions towards the betterment of the community at-large; and urges the support and participation of all citizens and residents in honoring him as he retires from the Oakland City Council; and be it

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, DE LA FUENTE, KERNIGAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID,

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California