

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 78817 C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY WAN

**A RESOLUTION HONORING
JOYCE MARIE LOPES
FOR TWENTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, Joyce Marie Lopes, a lifelong Oaklander, was born on May 12, 1948 in Berkeley, California, and attended St. Francis de Sales, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School (now Carter Middle School), Fremont High School, and Oakland Technical High School; and

WHEREAS, Joyce has enjoyed a breadth of work experiences spanning the public and private sector throughout the East Bay spanning over 30 years at various companies and agencies including ten years at Mother's Cookies, six years at Channel 2, and three years at the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Joyce has been happily married to Gary Lopes, Sr. for over 31 years and raised two wonderful children in Oakland, Ayisha and Gary, Jr., and now enjoys the company of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joyce worked for the City of Oakland for the very first time as a part time recreation leader in September of 1967, began her twenty year career with the City of Oakland in 1972 as an administrative assistant for the Manpower Development Program in the Community Economic Development Agency and worked for the Oakland City Council for over a decade for Hon. Nate Miley, Hon. Ignacio De La Fuente, and Hon. Dick Spees; and

WHEREAS, Years of service in the City Council have taught Joyce how to handle irate constituents, assuage demanding councilmembers, provide helpful information to Oaklanders, tolerate untold political drama, and train other City employees; and

WHEREAS, Joyce's optimism, sense of humor, toys, and practical jokes brightened the days of her friends and coworkers while her blazing typing speed (over 120 wpm) amazed her coworkers and earned her the vaunted distinction of being among the 600 fastest typists in the nation in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Joyce's desk job at the City Council did not prevent her from once playing an important role in the arrest of a convict when an Oakland Police officer jumped into

her car on San Leandro Boulevard and instructed Joyce to follow a man that appeared to be fleeing on Joyce's way to work one morning in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Joyce's many years of service have earned her a restful retirement singing with the St. Benedict's Gospel choir, playing with her grandchildren, studying music theory, fishing, trying her luck at bingo, assembling jigsaw puzzles, and getting involved in District 7 community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Joyce's warm and vibrant presence and hilarious sense of humor will be missed by all; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator do hereby commend Joyce Lopes for her outstanding service and contributions to the City of Oakland and wish her a joyful and restful retirement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCT 5 2004, 19

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, DE LA FUENTE, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN — 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST: *CEDA FLOYD*
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California