

A resolution recognizing the North Oakland Little League and South Oakland Little League's volunteer effort to improve Caldecott Field on the occasion of the City of Oakland's acceptance of it as a gift-in-place

WHEREAS, although the Caldecott Field at the North Oakland Sports Complex is a welllocated ball field nestled up against the East Bay Hills, in recent years it has, like many Oakland parks, suffered from deferred maintenance, making it unsuitable for competitive play; and

WHEREAS, the North Oakland Little League-South Oakland Little League serves approximately 1200 players ages 7-18 and their families by providing a high quality recreational baseball experience; and

WHEREAS, last year, representatives from the North Oakland Little League and South Oakland Little League saw an opportunity to improve the in-field at Caldecott Field, expanding the amount of open space available to Little Leaguers and other ballplayers; and

WHEREAS, through persistence and political skill, the North Oakland and South Oakland Little Leagues were able to secure permission to make the necessary improvements, relying exclusively on the work of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, in the end, more than 60 volunteers and well over 300 work hours went into the field, along with 7000 sq feet of sod, 80 yards of sand, 50 yards of infield mix, several hundred feet of 4 inch drain line, as well as sprinkler piping and sprinkler heads to water the new field; and

WHEREAS, it is not only in the construction of the field, but also in its continued caretaking and maintenance, that the City of Oakland can recognize and rely on the work of volunteers from the North Oakland and South Oakland Little Leagues; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland proudly and with great pleasure and appreciation accepts the improved Caldecott Field as a gift-in-place from the North Oakland Little League and South Oakland Little League; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED,** that the Oakland City Council recognizes and praises the work of the organizers and volunteers of the Caldecott Field improvement project and that we see the Caldecott Field effort as a signature example of true community involvement, and hope that the lessons of its creation can be of inspiration and encouragement to similar efforts throughout our great City.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2005

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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