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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY CITY ATTORNEY Barbara J. Parker

RESOLUTION HONORING RANDOLPH W. HALL FOR 29 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant City Attorney Randolph W. Hall, head of the Litigation Division of the Oakland City Attorney's Office, retired in July, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall served the citizens of Oakland with distinction, expertise and the highest level of integrity for 29 years as an attorney and a leader in the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall first joined the City Attorney's Office in June, 1985 as a Senior Trial Attorney; and

WHEREAS, When Mr. Hall started his career with the City, the City Attorney's Office had a minimal staff and no filing system, and over the years, Mr. Hall helped build the Office and put in place systems that are still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Over the last three decades, Mr. Hall handled many of the most complex, challenging and high profile cases involving the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Matters handled or supervised by Mr. Hall included a successful defense against a lawsuit intended to prevent the City from expanding minority and female integration of the Oakland Fire Department, cases involving discrimination and sexual harassment, litigation arising from the Oakland Hills fire, civil rights cases including the "Riders" litigation and lawsuits resulting from police action at a 2003 protest at the Port of Oakland, lawsuits challenging police practices involving search warrants and strip searches in the field, major inverse condemnation, personnel and public contracting cases, litigation involving First Amendment rights, Oakland Police wrongful death cases, and other significant cases too numerous to list in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall also worked extensively on matters involving the Oakland Coliseum for more than 25 years, including the action filed to prevent the Raiders from leaving Oakland, and the marathon negotiations that brought the team back from Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall's work was recognized by his selection as a Northern California "Super Lawyer" in both 2005 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall has served in numerous volunteer positions, including on the Alameda County Bar Association Board of Directors, and currently volunteers with the Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services/Immigration Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall has served as Judge Pro Tem for the Alameda County Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall is a senior mediator and early neutral evaluator for the United States District Court, Northern District of California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall displayed leadership in the City Attorney's Office in times of crisis, and helped keep the Office functioning after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 and the Oakland Hills firestorm in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall has served as a guest lecturer at U.C. Berkeley and Stanford law schools, designed and taught numerous Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) courses, presented at the U.S. District Court's "Boot Camp" for incoming attorneys, and has served as a mentor and a guide for several generations of attorneys in the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall has advocated tirelessly for the City and People of Oakland, and his work in litigation and risk management has saved taxpayers many millions of dollars; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland thanks Mr. Hall for his wise counsel, his equanimity under pressure, his years of faithful service and his many contributions to the public good.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID,
AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTIONS -

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