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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

Resolution Honoring Khalil Shaheed, Founder Of The Oaktown Jazz Workshops Program In Oakland And Director Of Khalil Shaheed Music, For His Outstanding Musical Prowess, Contributions To Music Education, And Extraordinary Accomplishments In The World Of Jazz Music; And Selfless Contributions To The City Of Oakland And Its Residents

WHEREAS, Khalil Shaheed is a native of Pittsburgh, PA who moved to Chicago as a small kid. By the time he was a senior in high school, Khalil was playing at the Regal Theater, substituting for professional musicians when they couldn't make a performance; and

WHEREAS, after moving to California to study Music Education and Performance at San Francisco State University, Khalil spent six years touring with the legendary R & B artist, Buddy Miles. The two eventually recorded four albums together; it was a partnership that helped launch Khalik into an extraordinary musical career, during which time he has played alongside many of the legends of the jazz world, such as Jimi Hendrix, Woody Shaw and Taj Mahal to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Khalil has been featured as a jazz soloist with the Oakland East Bay Symphony Orchestra. As a performer, he has played with four different bands: Big Belly Blues, Mo'Rockin Project, the jazz improvisation group Open Mind Ensemble, and the Redwood Brass Band, a classical quartet; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Khalil founded Oakland's Oaktown Jazz Workshops program. Through an extensive range of programs, he has helped bring an awareness of and love for jazz to students of all ages. At Oaktown Jazz, students learn to perform as part of a jazz ensemble guided by professional musicians. Khalil has dedicated time and energy into our youth; he focuses not only on giving students a music education, but gives them a means of expression to find artistic areas in themselves; and

WHEREAS, amongst his many contributions to the world of jazz music, is Khalil's contributions to the city of Oakland and its residents; he would gather jazz musicians and take to different neighborhoods so that people who could not attend jazz concerts could still experience the music; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his lifetime of outstanding musical prowess and contributions to music education, Khalil Shaheed has received awards and recognitions from numerous sectors; his Big Belly Blues Band album received a Grammy® nomination in 2002 in the New Blues Artists category; that same year the City of Oakland presented Khalil with its "Key to Creativity" award, lauding him as one of the city's most renowned artists. In 2003 the City of Oakland also presented Khalil with an Individual Artist Grant, which enabled him to present The Road, an original concert work, at Oakland's Asian Cultural Center. His most recent award is the "Oakland Indie 2009" Award in the "Soul" category; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that Khalil Shaheed has offered a wealth of services in the music industry, including educational programs, music festival consulting, composing and recording services, performances, and more. Khalil Shaheed, whose career spans more than four decades deserves to be honored; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council, hereby honors Khalil Shaheed for his outstanding musical prowess, contributions to music education, and extraordinary accomplishments in the world of jazz music; and selfless contributions to the City Of Oakland and its Residents.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2010

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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