

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel

A Resolution Honoring the 2004 Inductees to the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, the music form known as “the Blues” is recognized as a uniquely American cultural contribution, and appreciated throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, originating from the African American music traditions of Texas and Louisiana, and speaking directly to everyday struggles and joys, the “Oakland Blues” share a special local and national historical, cultural and musical significance; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland based Bay Area Blues Society, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and representation of this American folk music and cultural forms of Blues, Jazz and Gospel as they took root in African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, For the past 17 years, the Bay Area Blues Society has reached out within our community to present the rich musical heritage of the Blues, American's only true home-grown art form, including annual awards to honor local and national artists who have made a significant contribution to the Blues; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council recognizes and honors the 2004 inductees to the Blues Hall of Fame: Bobby Forte, Trudy Johnson, Dell Graham, Natural 4, Little Jr Parker, Hard Punching Herman Henry, Dorothy Morrison, Wylie Trass, Elvis Presley, The Grateful Dead; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council gives special recognition to the 2004 honorees for lifetime achievement in blues and R&B music: Jimmy McCracklin and Johnny Otis.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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ORA/COUNCIL
FEB 17 2004