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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ETHEL HOWZE FOR FORTY-ONE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Ethel Howze has provided forty-one years of excellent recreation services to the community in her work for the City of Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze's work and leadership in the community has touched the lives of countless Oakland citizens - especially children, teens and young adults - in a positive and enriching manner; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Howze began working with the City of Oakland in 1964 as a part-time Recreation Leader while attending San Francisco State University, and in 1969 earned a full-time position as Recreation Program Director at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze held assignments at a wide range of recreation facilities including, E. Morris Cox Playground, Markham Elementary Playground, and Brookdale and Arroyo Viejo Recreation Centers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze's distinguished career has included promotions to Recreation Center Director in 1974, Recreation Supervisor in 1983, Aquatics and Tennis Supervisor in 1989, Area Administrator in 1996 and Recreation General Supervisor in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze organized and implemented many programs, including one of the first mobile recreation programs, charm classes, teen clubs, teen recreation workshops, folk dancing, tiny tot programs, and the very popular Play Day in the Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze represented her department as a member of various professional organizations including the California Parks and Recreation Society, Chi Kappa Rho, the National Recreation and Parks Association, and the Ethnic Minority Association, where she served as president and board member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze was recognized by the City of Oakland for the 1989 Tennis Tournament which benefited the victims of the 1989 Oakland Firestorm; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Ms. Howze's ceaseless energies and outstanding performance the quality of life in the City of Oakland has been significantly improved, positively reflecting Oakland's image on a regional and national level; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Howze has decided to begin her retirement, enjoy family and friends even more, and to pursue the ultimate recreational goal of enjoying life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and members of the Oakland City Council, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, the City Administrator and the staff of the Office of Parks and Recreation commend Ms. Ethel Howze for her many years of selfless and devoted service to the citizens of Oakland, and convey to her their highest regard as she enters a new phase of her life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be presented to Ms. Ethel Howze.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California