

2010 NOV 23 PM 4:58 RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Council President Brunner

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE CITY AND PORT OF OAKLAND
EMPLOYEES' CHORUS FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS OF ANNUAL HOLIDAY
CONCERTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Holiday Choir was founded in the late 1940's by City of Oakland employee, Elsie Giani, who served as official Chairperson of the City of Oakland Holiday Choir until her retirement in 1983, and still continues her enthusiastic support, guidance and direction to maintain and nourish the life of the choir; and

WHEREAS, the first concert of the City of Oakland Holiday Choir was performed in December 1949 beneath the beautifully decorated holiday tree on the marble staircase in Oakland's City Hall Rotunda by Elsie, her sister Albina, and three women from Elsie's church choir, accompanied by City employee Hilda Brandt on the organ; and

WHEREAS, for over six decades, the City of Oakland Holiday Choir has provided numerous concerts every Holiday Season and has also performed at many City functions including Employee Recognition Ceremonies, the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Port of Oakland, The Christmas Pageant, Lake Merritt Caroling Boat Rides, the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the City of Oakland, and for many years sang daily on the popular local radio station KLX; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Holiday Choir, now known as The City and Port of Oakland Employees' Chorus, has continued to prosper and thrive, having grown to over twenty five members, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby recognizes and honors the City and Port of Oakland Employees' Chorus for over sixty years of annual holiday concerts.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

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