

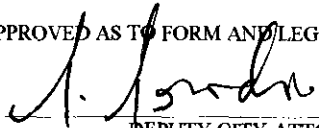
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

**COMMENDING DEPUTY CHIEF ERNEST A. ROBINSON, III
FOR 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AND
CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III began his employment as a Firefighter with the City of Oakland's Fire Department on August 5, 1974, and immediately began seeking ways to actively participate in the enrichment of the department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III advanced to the rank of Lieutenant of Fire in 1979, and became the department's liaison with the Office of Personnel, by initiating, organizing and directing the Labor Recruitment Program that went out to the Oakland community in order to intensify recruitment efforts of minorities and women candidates for Firefighter positions in the Oakland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III through the aforementioned Labor Recruitment Program was able to contribute to the development of the 1980 Firefighter Employment Eligibility List which included minority and women, thereby demonstrating the successful recruitment of a candidate pool reflective of Oakland's diversity; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III was promoted to the rank of Captain of Fire in 1983, and assigned to additional administrative duties which ultimately led him to become the Training Officer in the department's Training Division, affording him the opportunity to share information, knowledge and experience with new recruits, and instill in them a sense of pride and love for fire fighting; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III became the Assistant Fire Marshal in 1987, responsible for the daily operations of all Code Inspectors and Arson Investigators, a position which his father had held years prior in the Fire Department. During his assignment as Assistant Fire Marshall, he continued to assist in the Training Division with recruit training. His dedication to the community was clear as he spent long hours assisting with training classes that aided minorities and women in preparing for the firefighter examinations; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III ascended to the position of Battalion Chief in 1992, and as such he managed the Support Services Division as well as the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions. The men and women that served under him have continuously expressed their respect, loyalty and admiration towards his leadership, knowledge and management style. He continued as Battalion until 1994 when he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III was appointed Deputy Chief 1996 and was assigned *Personnel, Testing, Training, Fire Prevention and Services*, and as is his nature, he continued his legacy of leadership by uniting the department under the “Christmas in April Program” and the United Way crusade; two programs aimed at helping those most in need. His concern and caring for the Oakland community was so contagious that the department overwhelmingly responded to his petitions for assistance, putting the Fire Department at the forefront of community services; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III became Fire Marshal in 2002, and became responsible for the Fire Prevention Bureau, which includes: Code Inspection, Arson, Vegetation Management, and Engineering Plan Check services. During this period Deputy Chief Robinson continued to fine tune inspection services; implemented an outstanding Vegetation Management Program which attained a 96% compliance rate in the 2003 Fire Season; and worked arduously to win a 74% voter approval on the Wildfire Prevention District that will fund vegetation management efforts for the next ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III throughout his career was dedicated to the doctrine of the City of Oakland’s Mission Statement, rendering effective courteous and responsive service, treating citizens and employees with fairness, dignity, and respect; and constantly pursuing excellence and the development of a workforce that values and reflects the diversity of the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III, has been the recipient of numerous awards and certificates recognizing his management and leadership skills, his contributions to the Oakland community, and his training, education, and expertise in the field of Fire Services; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III has inspired, trained and mentored many professionals who have gone on to make substantial contributions in the field of Fire Services; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III continues his philosophy of “giving back” through his active involvement as a leader and member in the Oakland Black Firefighters Association and the Random Acts of Kindness Program; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III through his loyalty to his duty, his concern and care for his fellow workers, and his sensitivity towards the citizens and the community, has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, associates, and the citizens of Oakland, and will truly be missed by all, now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby express appreciation and commend Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III on behalf of the citizens of Oakland for his many contributions to the City, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution suitably inscribed be given to Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III as an appreciation for his dedicated service and with best wishes on his retirement.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 2004

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE — 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:



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