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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOE MORGAN FOR HIS FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE AND GENEROSITY TO THE YOUTH OF OAKLAND AND PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 15, 2007 AS "JOE MORGAN DAY" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Joe Morgan, one of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Ollie) Morgan, moved to Oakland in 1954 from Bonham, Texas at the age of 10, and has resided in the East Bay since that time; and

WHEREAS, Joe is a true product of Oakland's public schools, having attended Brookfield Elementary, Elmhurst Junior High, and graduating with scholastic and athletic honors from Castlemont High School in 1961, then attending Merritt College, where he earned his Associate of Arts degree and graduated with honors in 1963, and later, keeping a promise to his mother when he signed his first professional baseball contract, returned to school after his retirement from the sport and received his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from California State University, Hayward; and

WHEREAS, Joe signed his first professional contract with baseball's Houston Colt 45's in 1963, marking the beginning of an extraordinary twenty-plus-year baseball career, highlighted by honors such as:

- National League Rookie of the Year in 1965, while playing for the Houston Astros;
- Star Second Baseman of the legendary "Big Red Machine" that won a string of league championships as well as back-to-back World Series titles in the 1970's while playing for the Cincinnati Reds;
- Most Valuable Player of the 1972 All-Star Game;
- National League Most Valuable Player in 1975 and 1976;
- Commissioner's Award, for receiving the most votes to the 1976 All-Star Game;
- Comeback Player of the Year in the 1982 National League;
- Playing in four World Series, winning two championships;
- Winning five Gold Glove Awards;
- Playing in 10 All-Star games;
- Recording 692 career stolen bases; and

WHEREAS, Joe, who played the final season of his illustrious baseball career for his hometown Oakland Athletics in 1984, was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990 on the first ballot; and

WHEREAS, Joe is also a successful local business owner and entrepreneur, an accomplished author of four books (and counting), and an Emmy-award winning baseball analyst at NBC and for ESPN, where he is the channel's number one analyst of color; and

WHEREAS, for the past forty years, Joe has led by example, a leader and inspiration off the field and in our community, contributing personally and financially to the Young America Baseball Program, the Oakland Unified School District Sports Program, and as Founder and President of the Joe Morgan Youth Foundation, which provides college scholarships as well as financial support to programs that are instrumental in the development of youth, and as co-founder, along with basketball great Bill Russell, of the Summit Bank Foundation which awards college scholarships to local youth; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Joe's outstanding community service and his commitment to young people in Oakland, Alameda County Youth Development, Inc. will host a Tribute to Joe Morgan on November 15, 2007; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize and commend the Joe Morgan for his four decades of service and generosity to the youth of Oakland and does hereby proclaim

Thursday, November 15, 2007 JOE MORGAN DAY

in the City of Oakland, and urge its recognition, participation, and support by all Oakland residents.

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