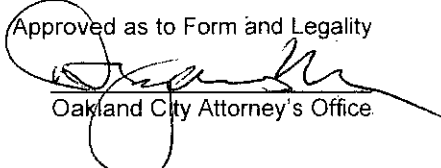


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Kalb

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUANITA MATTHEWS FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A TEACHER AT EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Ms. Juanita Matthews has been the beacon for early childhood education at Emerson Elementary for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews is omnipresent—teaching, leading, helping her colleagues tirelessly and organizing events that connect her students with the elementary site, the parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews treats everyone with respect and courtesy and is endlessly accessible to parents, students and community members; she makes people of all ages feel valued; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews works with her students and their families to think about their futures and long-term education goals; and

WHEREAS, effectively balancing paperwork, nutritional and emotional support of the children, and staying mindful about the health and safety of the physical environment, Ms. Matthews creates an atmosphere of stability, warmth and purpose in each busy day that supports parents, children and co-workers alike; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews has inspired trust in parents, affection in pre-school students and the deepest confidence and respect in her professional colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Families remain loyal to the relationships Ms. Matthews has built over the many years she has devoted to serving the families at the child development center at Emerson; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthew's enthusiastic smile greets each entering face assuring a safe, healthy and supportive child care environment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthew's passion for early childhood care, which reflects her core values, has been and continues to be demonstrated daily. She creates daily routines through language arts which promotes preparation for eventual success in college and life careers.

WHEREAS, collectively, this is how we change the discourse, recognizing and highlighting jewels making a positive difference in our city and Oakland Unified School District.

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council enthusiastically commends and thanks Juanita Matthews, longtime teacher at the Emerson Child Development Center, for her many years of committed service to the students, parents, and faculty and for making Emerson Elementary School and the greater Oakland community a better and kinder place for all.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2014

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON McELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

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ATTEST. _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California