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RESOLUTION No. 81304 C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS HENRY CHANG & JEAN QUAN

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OAKLAND'S FRIENDSHIP CITY OF MIANGYANG, CHINA, FOR ITS RECOVERY FROM THE MAY 12th 7.9 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, the Chengdu region of Sichuan, specifically Miangyang City, has been involved with governmental and cultural exchanges since 1999 when it became Oakland's Friendship City; and

WHEREAS, this month the strongest earthquake in China in three decades hit the Chengdu area and the Chinese government fears a toll of 50,000 dead, over 100,000 injured, 4 million damaged homes, and critical damage to roads and dams; and

WHEREAS, Oakland received national and international support during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and today prepares for possible future earthquakes; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council extends its condolences and sympathy to our Friendship City of Miangyang for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the 7.9 earthquake; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that we call upon citizens of the Bay Area to provide immediate emergency assistance through humanitarian agencies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that we call upon our federal government to increase its immediate emergency and humanitarian aid; and be it

FURTHER, RESOLVED: that we express our solidarity and full confidence that the 5.2 million citizens of the Miangyang will overcome this tragedy and rebuild.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20 2008, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

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