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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 905457 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE

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**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF OSCAR CARL WRIGHT SR. FOR HIS LIFELONG WORK TO ADVANCE EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN OAKLAND AND BEYOND; AND DECLARING MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AS OSCAR CARL WRIGHT SR. DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Oscar Carl Wright Sr. was born on July 25, 1923, on the Smith Plantation near Clarksdale, Mississippi and was one of eleven children; and

**WHEREAS**, despite growing up in the segregated Deep South, Mr. Wright excelled academically and athletically, graduating as a class speaker from Coahoma Agricultural High School in 1942; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wright served as U.S. Army Sergeant during World War II and later earned a degree in Building Construction from Alcorn A&M College, igniting his lifelong mission to uplift the African American/Black community and improve the education system; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wright was a union leader and co-founded the first Black Boy Scout Troop and Credit Union in Mississippi before moving to Oakland, California; and

**WHEREAS**, a respected and pivotal figure in Oakland, Mr. Wright fought diligently to advance civil rights, education access and reform, and community improvement in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wright was a founding member of several initiatives, including the African American Education Task Force, the Police Review Board, and was a leader in the NAACP; and

**WHEREAS**, one of his greatest joys was launching the African American Honor Roll to recognize and support Black students who demonstrate academic excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wright's legacy and impact is indelible and will live on through his family and the communities he inspired; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council honors and celebrates the life and legacy of Oscar Carl Wright Sr. for his lifelong work to advance equity and justice in Oakland and beyond; and declare May 5<sup>th</sup> as Oscar Carl Wright Sr. Day in the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

DEC 16 2024

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - ~~FIFE~~, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, ~~RAMACHANDRAN~~, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS - 6

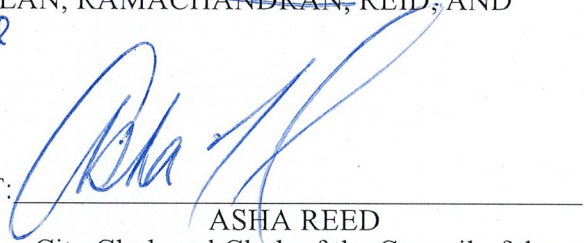
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

2 EXCUSED - Fife & Ramachandran

ATTEST:



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City of Oakland, California