

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE OAKLAND-TRAINED ROWERS FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE MEN'S FOUR AT THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES, THE FIRST U.S. GOLD IN 64 YEARS

WHEREAS, the United States has participated in Olympic rowing since the sport's introduction in the 1900 Paris Olympic Games, winning a total of 89 rowing medals, including 33 gold, 32 silver, and 24 bronze; and

WHEREAS, at the 2024 Paris Olympics, 15 athletes from Oakland's California Rowing Club represented Team USA. Oakland-trained rowers Nick Mead, Justin Best, Michael Grady, and Liam Corrigan secured the gold medal in the men's four-rowing event for the first time in 64 years. This marks the first U.S. medal in the event since 2012 and its first gold in the event since the 1960 Rome Olympics; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional athletes trained at Oakland's prestigious California Rowing Club, founded by the late T. Gary Rodgers in 2007 to offer Olympic-level training options for rowing in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, today, the club serves as a valuable resource for college-trained rowers worldwide who aspire to join under-23 or Senior National Team competitions. This past summer, the club's development team, composed of athletes aspiring to make the U.S. National and Olympic teams, won three events at the U.S. Rowing National Championships, the highest domestic championship in rowing; and

WHEREAS, California Rowing Club coaches Mike Teti and Tim McLaren received the Order of Ikkos at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, a prestigious award presented by Olympic medalists to coaches who have significantly contributed to their Olympic success; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding achievements, tireless commitment, discipline, and resilience of these athletes exemplify the Olympic spirit and inspire a new generation, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and teamwork on the international stage; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Of Oakland does hereby honor and celebrate the Oakland-trained rowers for winning Gold in the men’s four at the Paris 2024 Olympic games, the first U.S. Gold in 64 years.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California