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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION No. 80427 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS JEAN QUAN AND IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE,

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**RESOLUTION NOTING THE FOURTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR  
ON IRAQ AND ITS COSTS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SOCIAL  
PROGRAMS AND SPONSORING THE MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY TO END THE WAR  
AND END THE VIOLENCE AT HOME**

**WHEREAS**, March 18 is the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq, with increasing civil war and no set date for American withdrawal; and

**WHEREAS**, military spending now is higher than the Korean or Vietnam Wars, with a total cost of over \$370 billion and billions more projected to be expended, which calculates to over \$47 billion so far for Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, this computes to over \$465 million for the city and citizens of Oakland, which equates to the salaries of nearly 2,000 more teachers for a year for the last four years, cutting class sizes in half; or 22,000 four year college scholarships; or the equivalent of 4000 affordable housing units;

**WHEREAS**, the Administration is now requesting another \$100 billion for pay for the war in Iraq with the California share alone being \$10 billion more,

**WHEREAS**, to pay for this gigantic expense, the current Administration is proposing over \$13 billion in new cuts in many domestic and social programs,

**WHEREAS**, in California these cuts include a one third reduction or \$153 million from the Community Development Block Grants, \$93 million less for low income energy assistance, \$45 million in cuts from Headstart equal to 6 percent, nearly \$11 million from child care programs equal to 5 percent; \$72 million from special education, elimination of community oriented and school police fund or over \$10 million; and over \$13 million for the Clean Water fund, a 20 percent cut; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuing eroding of these programs attack the poorest communities and especially affect our youth and whereas these communities are experiencing growing violence, and

**WHEREAS**, the human costs to both the Iraqi and American people are incalculable but still steadily mounting, including over 3150 United State soldiers are now killed and another 33,000 injured, 60,000 Iraqi civilian deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Americans would like to see a withdrawal of US troops from Iraq but there is, to date, no exit strategy, and

**WHEREAS**, our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has been a leading voice against the escalation of the war and is holding a town hall meeting on the war at Grand Lake Theater on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a march following the March 24<sup>th</sup> event from Lake Merritt to Frank Ogawa Plaza at noon; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: that the Oakland City Council proclaims March 24<sup>th</sup> as a Day to End the War and to End Violence in Oakland and support the march and rally.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 6 2007, 20

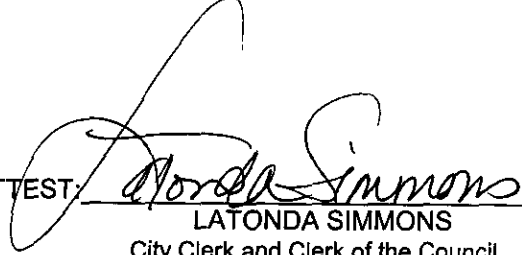
**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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