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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

**COMMENDING DEPUTY CHIEF ERNEST A. ROBINSON, III
FOR 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AND
CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III began his employment as a Firefighter with the City of Oakland's Fire Department on August 5, 1974, and immediately began seeking ways to actively participate in the enrichment of the department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III advanced to the rank of Lieutenant of Fire in 1979, and became the department's liaison with the Office of Personnel, by initiating, organizing and directing the Labor Recruitment Program that went out to the Oakland community in order to intensify recruitment efforts of minorities and women candidates for Firefighter positions in the Oakland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III through the aforementioned Labor Recruitment Program was able to contribute to the development of the 1980 Firefighter Employment Eligibility List which included minority and women, thereby demonstrating the successful recruitment of a candidate pool reflective of Oakland's diversity; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III was promoted to the rank of Captain of Fire in 1983, and assigned to additional administrative duties which ultimately led him to become the Training Officer in the department's Training Division, affording him the opportunity to share information, knowledge and experience with new recruits, and instill in them a sense of pride and love for fire fighting; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III became the Assistant Fire Marshal in 1987, responsible for the daily operations of all Code Inspectors and Arson Investigators, a position which his father had held years prior in the Fire Department. During his assignment as Assistant Fire Marshall, he continued to assist in the Training Division with recruit training. His dedication to the community was clear as he spent long hours assisting with training classes that aided minorities and women in preparing for the firefighter examinations; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III ascended to the position of Battalion Chief in 1992, and as such he managed the Support Services Division as well as the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions. The men and women that served under him have continuously expressed their respect, loyalty and admiration towards his leadership, knowledge and management style. He continued as Battalion until 1994 when he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest A. Robinson, III was appointed Deputy Chief 1996 and was assigned
IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California

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