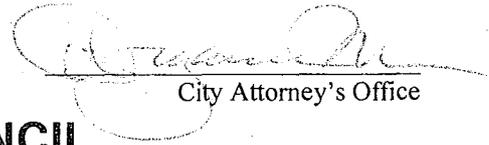


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABEL GUILLÉN AND
COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY**

HONORING THE LAKE MERRITT BREAKFAST CLUB FOR HOLDING ITS 4000TH MEETING AND FOR ITS 84TH YEAR IN EXISTENCE

WHEREAS: in 1933, a group of thirteen Oakland businessmen gathered weekly on the shores of Lake Merritt to enjoy each other's company and the beautiful view while having breakfast, and founded the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club to promote and improve the surrounding areas of beautiful Lake Merritt; and

WHEREAS: in 1950, these civic minded men were inspired to create a wonderful, creative safe place for our children on the shores of beautiful Lake Merritt, and Club members designed, engineered, raised funds, and built this happy and safe place for children and named it Children's Fairyland; and

WHEREAS: The Lake Merritt Breakfast Club has continued its sponsorship of Children's Fairyland in building, renovating, painting, cleaning, and financially supporting its operation for over 66 years; and

WHEREAS: The Lake Merritt Breakfast Club annually sponsors the birthday celebration of Children's Fairyland and shares its love and fellowship with the actors, staff, and guests for the evening; and

WHEREAS: in 1973 the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club founded the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club Charitable Foundation with the mission to develop, manage, and disburse charitable funds in support of programs, maintenance projects and capital projects in and about lake Merritt and Lakeside Park, and has contributed over \$213,000 for various projects in Children's Fairyland; and

WHEREAS: in the 1980s, the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club and the LMBC Charitable Foundation, inspired by Emeline Jewitt, raised over \$1.6 million for the restoration of the landmark "Necklace of Lights" surrounding beautiful Lake Merritt and to support the Sensory, Japanese, and Mediterranean Gardens, The Oakland Municipal Band summer concerts at the Lake Band Stand, and the restoration of the 17th Street Dock on the shores of Lake Merritt, along with many other projects; and

WHEREAS: in 2017 The Lake Merritt Breakfast Club celebrates its 84th year in existence with thousands of members over the years, all dedicated to Children's Fairyland, the Necklace of Lights, Lakeside Park and Gardens, the Oakland Municipal Band, and the betterment of the City of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council celebrates and commends the founders, past presidents, and all of the members on this milestone of the Club's 4000th meeting on February 23, 2017, and expresses its thanks to the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club for continuing to serve Children's Fairyland, the Necklace of Lights, Lakeside Park and Gardens, the Municipal Band, and the community of Oakland, California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON McELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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