



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF OSCAR CARL WRIGHT SR. FOR HIS LIFELONG WORK TO ADVANCE EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN OAKLAND AND BEYOND

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.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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