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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____



A RESOLUTION COMMENDING HENRY R. RENTERIA FOR HIS 19 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS OAKLAND'S EMERGENCY MANAGER, CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND, AND WISHING HIM WELL AS HE ASSUMES LEADERSHIP AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Henry R. Renteria began his employment with the City of Oakland in 1985 as the Director of the Office of Emergency Services and in this capacity, was responsible for the city's emergency management organization including: disaster planning, response, recovery and mitigation programs; the hazardous materials regulatory program; and the homeland security program, and;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Henry Renteria served four mayors and oversaw six federally declared disasters, including: the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, 1990 freeze, 1991 Oakland Hills Fire, 1995 floods, 1997 El Nino storms, and the 1998 La Nina storms, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria was a visionary in the field of emergency management, who oversaw the construction of a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center now used as a model throughout the State of California, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria worked to continuously improve the field of emergency management, serving as a member of the committee that developed California's Standardized Emergency Management System in the aftermath of the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria held an unwavering belief in partnership, which he demonstrated through his work in developing the State's Emergency Management Mutual Aid program, wherein cities and counties volunteer to let their trained emergency management professionals go into other cities to help in the event of disaster, and;

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WHEREAS, Henry Renteria was a co-founder of the Corridor of Safety project involving the cities of Oakland, Alameda, San Leandro, UC Berkeley, and US Coast Guard which created a siren-based alerting and warning system for the East Bay, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria, an advocate for environmental justice, served as a member of the commission that established regulatory law for the State of California's hazardous materials program, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria later established Oakland's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), one of only 16 city-based agencies in a universe of 98 within the State with full regulatory authority over hazardous materials, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria oversaw Project Impact, a multi-year federal grant that funded seismic retrofits for 115 homes belonging to low income, seniors and/or disabled Oakland residents and that also facilitated work by the US Geological Survey to allow Oakland to become the most seismically monitored city in the United States, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria, an Oakland resident since 1984, was exceptionally responsive to the needs of the community, overseeing the creation of the Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE), a neighborhood emergency preparedness program, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria actively fostered and valued the City's long-standing relationship with the ham radio community through support for the Oakland Radio Communications Association, and;

WHEREAS, among Henry Renteria's strongest skills was his ability to work collaboratively with community based organizations, like the American Red Cross, to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number of people in time of disaster, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria was instrumental in obtaining a \$7,800,000 Homeland Security grant shared by the City of Oakland, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and;

WHEREAS, a hallmark of Henry Renteria's leadership was, and continues to be, his staunch advocacy to have local jurisdictions retain local control in time of emergency, and;

WHEREAS, Henry Renteria earned the respect and appreciation of his colleagues in emergency management to the degree that they nominated him to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to become the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and Henry received that appointment in May 2004; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby expresses appreciation and commends Henry R. Renteria on behalf of the citizens of Oakland for his commitment to public safety and his contributions to the Oakland community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be given to Henry Renteria in appreciation for his 19 years of dedicated service, with congratulations on his retirement from the City of Oakland and best wishes for success in his present role as Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

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