

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

TITLE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MILLS COLLEGE'S MILLS CARES AND ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

WHEREAS, Mills CARES (Community Action, Reciprocal Education, and Service) Center connects Mills College students to all kind of community service and service learning opportunities. The Center serves three purposes: 1) linking students, faculty, and staff to community service opportunities, 2) supporting students and faculty engaged in service learning, and 3) serving as a clearinghouse for community agencies seeking volunteers, and

WHEREAS, an Alternative Spring Break project is an intensive service-learning experience that explores critical social issues through direct service, reflections, discussions, guest speakers, and readings, and

WHEREAS, from March 14th – 17th, 2004, the Mills CARES Center proudly sponsored its **6th Annual Alternative Spring Break** program where students actively engaged in improving the quality of life for District 6 residents through their volunteerism.

WHEREAS, Mills Cares and Alternative Spring Break helps to prepare students for a lifetime of learning, expanding their education beyond the classroom and providing them with more than just facts and statistics. After having participated in Mills Cares and Alternative Spring Break programs the students leave with a sense of what they can accomplish and the skills they need to realize their goals, and

WHEREAS, participants of Alternative Spring Break engage in meaningful in the community, gain hands-on experiences in social change, and education about contemporary issues. It is an intense, fun, amazing, challenging and life-changing experience. and

WHEREAS, each year the students pick a theme for the retreat in order to focus their discussions and make connections between the work that they do with community organizations and the larger social issues they explore. Since 1991, some of the themes have included: Arts As Activism, Environmental Justice and Environmental Racism in the Bay Area, Economic Justice, and Racial Justice in Oakland, and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council does hereby commend the Mills College Mills Cares and Alternative Spring Break programs for enriching the greater Oakland community and establishing a standard of excellence in volunteerism;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize the Mills College Mills CARES and Alternative Spring Break programs for developing future leaders with a demonstrated commitment to service.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

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ABSTENTION-

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ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the
of the City of Oakland,

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