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RESOLUTION NO. 78876 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

HONORING POLICE CHIEF RICHARD L. WORD FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND WISHING HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL OF HIS ENDEAVORS

WHEREAS, Oakland Police Chief Richard L. Word began his employment as an Oakland Police Officer in 1994 and upon his graduation from the Police Academy 20 years ago was recognized and honored as the Valedictorian of his recruiting class, and;

WHEREAS, Richard L. Word , on July 2nd, 1999 at the age of 37, was sworn in as Oakland’s new Chief of Police, making him the youngest Chief in the Oakland Police Department’s history, while adopting a philosophy that all officers should come to identify themselves as community policing officers, and initiating strategies such as strengthening information on emerging crime trends and hotspots, assigning more officers to the field to address issues relating to blight and public disorder, and building closer ties to Oakland’s neighborhoods by ensuring that community policing in Oakland becomes the Department’s predominate operating philosophy, and;

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richard L. Word was born and raised in San Francisco’s Ingleside District, graduated from Riordan High School with a distinguished academic record, is a California Scholarship Federation Life Member, attended San Francisco State University and the University of San Francisco, and spent two years as a San Francisco Sheriff’s Department Cadet, and;

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richard L. Word holds a Bachelor’ Degree in Business Administration from John F. Kennedy University, where he graduated cum laude, a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, and recently graduated from the FBI National Executive Institute, and;

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richard L. Word, among his many community and professional affiliations, continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross, Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of America, Board of Directors of the California Police Chiefs Association, Vice President of the Alameda County Police Chiefs’ and Sheriff’s Association, a standing Member of the International Association of Chiefs’ of Police, and a Member of the National Forum of Black Public Administrators, and;

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richard L. Word, along with his wife, Stacey, and their children, Taylor and Noah, will be forever admired and respected by the residents of Oakland, his fellow police officers, the Honorable Mayor Jerry Brown, the members of the Oakland City Council, the City Administrator, and all of his fellow associates at the City of Oakland, and through his loyalty to his duty, his concern and care for his fellow workers, and his sensitivity towards the citizens and the

community, has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, and will truly be missed by all, now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby express appreciation and commend Oakland Police Chief Richard L. Word on behalf of the citizens of Oakland for his many contributions to the City, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution suitably inscribed be given to Oakland Police Richard L. Word as an appreciation for his dedicated service and with best wishes on his new position as the Chief of Police in the City of Vacaville, California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, NOV 16 2004, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- ~~BROOKS~~, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 7

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

Excused - Brooks - 1

Attest: *CEDA FLOYD*
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California