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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM DAN KALB & VICE MAYOR
LARRY REID

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOEL TOLBERT, SR.

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. was born in Berkeley, California on March 19, 1946 and received most of his education in the East Bay of California at Lincoln Elementary School, Willard Junior High School, Berkeley High School, Merritt Community College, California State University, East Bay; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. married Carol Lee in 1979 and raised their children, Joel Jr., DeMarco Scott, Davin, and Precious Lavette, together in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. worked for the California Public Utilities Commission's Water Branch where he retired from in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. co-founded Civic Pride, Inc. in 1989, a nonprofit dedicated to providing local youth with opportunities to develop the attitudes, behaviors, and leadership skills necessary to become college, career, and community ready; and Civic Pride, Inc. honors civic pioneers, socially responsible businesses, public agencies, and community organizations serving as role models for future generations; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr.'s exemplary leadership, Civic Pride, Inc. has engaged with thousands of Oakland students through free innovative programming, scholarship programs, and awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. also served his community as a member of the Black Power Movement in the 1960s, was a leader in the Black Student Union at Merritt College, and was a member of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church and Allen Temple Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. was a warm and loving friend and neighbor who would always greet you with a big smile; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. died on May 4, 2019 at home with his loving wife by his side, leaving behind his loving family, including his seven grandchildren, Titiana, Chantavia, Joel III, Justin, Justice, Eliza, and Drakar; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby joins our community in celebrating the life and community service of Dr. Joel Tolbert, Sr. and extends our deepest sympathy to his loving family and friends.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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