

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE JOHNSON AS CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST FEMALE FOOTBALL PLAYER

WHEREAS, This resolution seeks to recognize Danielle Johnson's outstanding performance as Castlemont High School's first female football player; and

WHEREAS, Danielle is an outgoing and ambitious 16-year-old student who began playing sports at 8 years old. She currently plays tackle football, flag football, and basketball at Castlemont High School; and

WHEREAS, Danielle has received numerous awards and trophies for her performance in football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Danielle excels academically and is committed to serving her community; and

WHEREAS, Danielle works at Youth Uprising, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the leadership development of youth in East Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Danielle has goals of attending the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) or Louisiana State University after completing high school. She wants to major in engineering; and

WHEREAS, Danielle aims to play college football and ultimately play professionally for the Extreme Football League (X League); and

WHEREAS, Danielle's tenacity to become one of the first African American female football players for a high school team has paved the way for other young women to enter this male-dominated sport; and

WHEREAS, Danielle played a crucial part in leading the Castlemont Knights' victory against the Los Angeles Dorsey Dons in the final minutes of the Oakland-Los Angeles Neighborhood Football Classic in September of this year; and

WHEREAS, Due to her amazing support of her team, Castlemont High School’s football coach, Edward Washington, selected Danielle’s helmet to be displayed at the new California High School Football Hall of Fame during the team’s visit to the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, CA; and

WHEREAS, Castlemont's varsity football team became the first high school football team to visit the exhibit and witness where Danielle's helmet will be permanently showcased for years to come; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize Danielle Johnson, a trailblazer and inspiration to East Oakland youth, as the first female Castlemont High School.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

