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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS

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**RESOLUTION FOR JERRY REGINALD HERRING VARNADO,  
A RECENT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT  
GRADUATE WHO WON AN APPOINTMENT AFTER HIS  
GRADUATION FROM SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL, OAKLAND,  
CALIFORNIA.**

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Reginald Herring Varnado graduated from Skyline High School, Oakland Unified School District, and persevered through a very competitive process to earn his place as one of only 1300 highly coveted appointments to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, to gain his place as a Cadet at West Point, Jerry scored in the 90 percentile on his college entrance exams and was a member of both the National Honor Society and California Scholarship Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry was awarded the Young Entrepreneur Haas School of Business, University of California 2001 - 2002 Grant, the Kaiser Permanente, Ujoma Science Scholarship, and was a three-time recipient of the Governor's Scholarship Award along with many other community acknowledgments and academic honors; and

**WHEREAS**, his extracurricular activities at Skyline High School included Tae Kwon Do earning Red Black belt and left Skyline High School as the Cadet Colonel, the duty of Brigade Commander and the highest-ranking JROTC cadet for the six Oakland high schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry earned a myriad of medals and honors, the last being the National Sojourner's Medal and American Legion Scholastic Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, as a cadet at West Point, Jerry achieved academically, he participated in the boxing intramural competition, played wide receiver on the intramural football team, coached the West Point children's basketball team, and sang in the West Point Gospel choir, and became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2007, Jerry Reginald Herring Varnado graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point as only the third African American from the Oakland Unified School District and the first African American from the Oakland Unified School District since 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Reginald Herring Varnado will be stationed at Fort Hood, Austin Texas as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, Air Defense Artillery, as 70% of his class destined for Iraq:

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Oakland City Council, Oakland, California, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 19, 2007 as

Jerry Reginald Herring Varnado Day  
in the City of Oakland, California

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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