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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PAT KERNIGHAN

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT EAST BAY ON THE OCCASION OF GIVING AWAY 120,000 BOOKS TO READERS PRE-SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council recognizes the many benefits of children learning to read and practicing their reading skills on a daily basis, including boosting academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Ann Katz, Fern Lehner, Judy Milford and Denise Young founded the Children's Book Project East Bay in May 2005 and recruited Jessica Ashman, Liz King, Linda Moore, Annette Wood and Freida Pardo to work along side them; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Children's Book Project East Bay is to build literacy by putting books into the hands of children who have little or no access to books of their own; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Book Project East Bay has collected and distributed more than 120,000 children's books for readers pre-school to high school; and

WHEREAS, 60,000 books have gone directly to local teachers who supplement their classrooms' state-mandated textbooks with interesting and age-appropriate literature; and

WHEREAS, 30,000 books have gone to doctors and nurses at pediatric clinics who prescribe reading to children as part of federally mandated Reach Out and Read Programs, which are not fully funded, causing doctors and nurses to purchase books on their own or scale back the programs; and

WHEREAS, 30,000 books have gone to a variety of other clients including the Oakland Housing Authority, police officers, court-appointed children's advocates, crisis counselors and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, children who have little to call their own now have personal libraries built with "Book Project" books; and

WHEREAS, books are donated by local merchants and book stores; youth, civic and religious organizations; schools and camps; First Book, Pacific Book Exchange and Four Star; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Book Project East Bay is run entirely by 10 regular volunteers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council wishes to express its great appreciation to the Children's Book Project East Bay for supporting the development of reading skills by putting books into the hands of children who don't have books; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council wishes to express its gratitude to the many donors of books to the Children's Book Project East Bay whose books, put into the hands of teachers, doctors and nurses, and other clients, bring joy to children learning to read.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____ 2007

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California