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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. LOUIS PEGROSS, SR. FOR THIRTY-SEVEN (37) YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr. has provided over thirty-seven (37) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr., a Port Arthur, Texas native, moved to Oakland in 1969 and began his career with the City of Oakland in December 1971, under the "Equal Employment Act", and was located at the City's Corporation Yard on 5th Avenue near Laney College. In December 1972, he was assigned to the Big Patch Crew. In 1976, Mr. Pegross was promoted to the position of "Semi-Skilled Laborer working on the asphalt and paving crew; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr., was assigned to perform maintenance construction of drainage structure, i.e., building inlets and manholes, installing drainage pipes, debris collectors in natural water courses, assisting in demolition, framing, mixing and finishing of concrete sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, curbs, gutters and streets; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr., was promoted the position of Truck Driver in the mid 1980's and quickly advanced to Street Maintenance Leader in charge of the base repair crew. In the late 1980's, Mr. Pegross was reassigned to the Street Resurfacing Program, and inspected, measured and marked streets for asphalt repair and oversaw the work performed by contractors; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr., was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor I, in 1988, and managed the Street Resurfacing Program where he gathered Pavement Condition Index data (PCI) from the City of Oakland Engineers and inspectors, and scheduled and managed the repair of City streets based on PCI value and available funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Louis Pegross, Sr., was responsible for leading crews during the revitalization efforts for the Catastrophic 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. Mr. Pegross worked from the City's command post located at 12th & Clay Street where he dispatched complaints, monitored staff, gathered information regarding damaged building/structures, and issued equipment to staff to make damaged areas safe; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Louis Pegross, Sr., was responsible for leading crews during the Oakland Hills Firestorm. He was part of the Oakland Hills Fire Assessment Team. He inspected streets, signs, and other city structures for damage and toured with FEMA staff to outline damaged areas. After the initial assessments, he continued working the fire damaged areas for over two years as part of the "Underground Project" with local municipalities to put all electrical services under ground; and

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, Louis Pegross, Sr., during the El Nino storms, was responsible for supervising crews around the clock while responding to flood conditions, mudslides, responded to all citizen complaints to assist them with critical problems, and assigned to monitor clean-up efforts by contractors, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Public Works Agency reorganized, he had a choice to be reassigned to other departments within Public Works, however, Mr. Pegross stated, "I started over thirty-five (37) years ago in asphalt and I wish to finish my career in asphalt". Mr. Pegross is responsible for all aspects of asphalt in the Heavy Paving Department; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr., has received multiple certificates from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Rules and Regulations, FEMA Emergency Response Training in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, First Responder, Operations Level (FRO). Mr. Pegross also received the Public Works Agency's, Employee of the Year Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr. has been instrumental within the Public Works Agency by offering his vast knowledge on maintenance issues, catastrophic issues, and street resurfacing. His hard work and "easy going" nature has earned him the respect of his staff, coworkers, managers, and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Louis Pegross, Sr., has fulfilled his childhood dream of living and working in Oakland, California, and will take fond memories with him and enjoy his retirement with his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Louis Pegross, Sr. for his outstanding service and many contributions to the City of Oakland, and the Public Works Agency, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulation on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Louis Pegross, Sr. for 37 years of dedicated service, and professionalism to the City of Oakland and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and offering sincere appreciation. His service, knowledge and skills will be greatly missed.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

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ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California