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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUCHÉ'S HUDSON FUNERAL HOME

WHEREAS, Luther Hudson established Hudson's Funeral Home on 8th and Myrtle Street in 1915; Mr. Aramis Fouché purchased the business in 1943 and relocated it to Telegraph Avenue in Pill Hill in 1966 because the original property was sold due to eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, Fouché's Hudson Funeral Home was one of the few Black funeral homes at a time when "white" funeral homes would not serve Black residents, and even today the funeral home continues to preserve the traditions of Black funerals;

WHEREAS, Fouché's Hudson Funeral Home is the oldest African American owned funeral home in the western United States and has served over 30,000 families in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fouché was a man of great accomplishment: he organized and became the first president of the California Morticians Association, he served as a commissioner on the City of Oakland's Library Advisory Board, he participated in Boy Scouts of America (Alameda County), he served as Co-Founder and chairman of the Board of Trans Bay Federal Savings and Loan of San Francisco and First National Bank of Oakland, and he was a well-known civil rights leader and philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fouché passed away in 2001 and his wife, Mrs. Aloysia Fouché, continues to run Fouché's Hudson Funeral Home to this day; and

WHEREAS, Fouché's Hudson Funeral Home is committed to the Oakland community and sponsors health fairs, hosts forums on wills and trusts, long term care, elder abuse, participates in donor drives, supports stop the violence programs and designs remembrance events to appeal to a wide age range, including adults and children to enrich lives, educate minds, and ease sorrows; and

WHEREAS, The Fouché Foundation Fund provides scholarships to those pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors, a 2-4 year trade program or those who have the

vision and determination to obtain a vocation in order to expose them to a world of possibility; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland extends thanks to Mrs. Fouché and staff for their dedication to Oakland and congratulates and appreciates Fouché's Hudson Funeral Home for 100 years of compassionate, caring service to the residents of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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