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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER HINDS FOR HIS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FOR HIS NOMINATION AS A 2013 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FINALIST

WHEREAS, Christopher Hinds, attends the American Indian Model High School, was named a 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist; and

WHEREAS, the National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition that was established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Hinds' academic achievement brings honor to our City and our community. Christopher Hinds, now a senior in high school, first began attending AIM Schools in the 7th grade at the American Indian Public Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Public High School serves 285 inner-city students in ninth through twelfth grade, and is as one of the top high schools in Oakland and California, and within the top 100 schools in America; and; the focus of AIPHS is excellent student attendance (99.5%), which helps to ensure the academic needs of all students who attend the school, which has been the foundation to ensure academic success in English Literature and Mathematics, and the curriculum has been designed to enhance the academic skills of socio-economically disadvantaged students, and AIPHS also provides instruction that develops the students' academic skills in writing, science, social science, business, and the humanities, and each year, 100% of AIPHS's students are accepted into 4-year colleges, including UC Berkeley, Brown University, Cornell, Columbia, UC Davis, Princeton, and Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, the hardest subject for Christopher in high school was English; nonetheless, Christopher mastered the subject with continued practice, along with more reading, and the support from teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Hinds will be the first one of his siblings to attend college, his top choices for college are Brown University or John Hopkins University, where he plans to study Medicine, and when asked how being a student at AIPHS has helped him, Christopher replies, "AIPHS has taught me to be more organized and taught me how to be a hard worker. It has also taught me to be more confident in my abilities;" now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this Council joins the American Indian Public High School, staff, family and friends in recognizing Christopher Hinds, a talented and enthusiastic young man, for his academic achievement and for his nomination as a 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, in recognition of Christopher Hinds' academic achievement and nomination as a 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program Finalist, hereby declares **Tuesday, April 16, 2013** as:

“Christopher Hinds Day”

in the city of Oakland, and does encourage all of its residents to acknowledge the day accordingly.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, and
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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