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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUSTANDING PERFORMANCES AND FIRST PLACE AWARDS IN THE 36TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ORATORICAL FEST 2015

WHEREAS, The youth of Oakland participated in the Oakland Unified School District's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Fest, now in its 36th year. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest began with a vision from eight community and school members who desired to see the rich oral tradition of the African American community provided to students within an academic setting; and

WHEREAS, This Festival encourages students to think critically about Dr. King's legacy and philosophy and how it can inspire us to transform our lives, our communities and society; and

WHEREAS, Over 1,200 student representatives from Kindergarten to the 12th grade, competed in four categories including Individual Poetry, Original Poetry, Famous Speeches, and Choral Speaking/Dramatic Skit and moved the audience while provoking thought and conversation; and

WHEREAS, Participation in oratorical competitions encourages and celebrates excellent models of reading, writing, speaking and listening; this supports Oakland Unified School District's goals of all students reading and writing at or above grade level; and

WHEREAS, The great effort, hard work and civic dedication of this year's first place winners are shining examples of the future of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Oakland City Council honors the first place winners in the Oakland Unified School District's 36th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest, and celebrates the outstanding efforts of all of the participants.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, 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