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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Vice Mayor De La Fuente

Resolution Honoring Officer Robert F. Valladon for his 30 Years of Dedicated Service to the City of Oakland, Thanking Him for His Many Contributions to the City and Congratulating Him on His Retirement

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon began his appointment March 19, 1979 as a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon has worked numerous assignments within the Oakland Police Department including the Patrol Division, Traffic Division, and Special Operation Division and used each assignment to make a positive impact on the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon assisted with the planning & construction of the new OPOA building at 555 5th Street to ensure that it's members would always have a place to call their own; and

WHEREAS Officer Robert F. Valladon was a member of the traffic fatal call out team and he investigated several serious fatal accidents and his work led to the prosecution of several offenders in Oakland; and

WHEREAS Officer Robert F. Valladon enjoyed working sporting events in Oakland, including the Raider games, Golden State Warrior games and Oakland A's games where he provided security for thousands of fans each year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon, has received numerous letters of appreciation from community members and commendations from the Oakland Police Department, amongst which were the Good Conduct Bar, Perfect Attendance Bar, Perfect Driving Bar and the Outstanding Performance Evaluation Bar; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon taught the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) and provided instruction in Traffic Accident Investigation for many years where his quality training appropriately prepared new police recruits and provided refresher training to Officers to increase the quality of their crime scene investigations; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon served for many years on the Oakland Police Activities League (PAL) board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon began service as an elected member of Board of Directors for the Oakland Police Officer Association in January 1984, and in 1989 he became the Secretary of the Association, and elected President of the Association in 1990 where he served until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon became a board member of the Peace Officers Research Association (PORAC) in 1994 and joined the executive committee in 1995 where his work empowered and represented the interests of rank and file peace officers by identifying the needs of the law enforcement community and providing programs to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS Officer Robert F. Valladon spent countless hours working to assist Oakland's public safety personnel who have been injured in the line-of-duty and the families of officers killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS The OPOA family will remember him for amongst other things: Creating the "golf think stick" which will always be kept in the OPOA and used in negotiations/arbitrations; Patenting the phrase "whatever" during his term as president; And for during his time as the OPOA President, trying to find a way to talk just about anyone into how he was thinking and what he wanted; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert F. Valladon protected the rights and benefits of peace officers by creating an environment in which peace officers work toward achieving common goals and objectives by conducting research, providing education and training, defining and enhancing standards of professionalism and promoting public awareness now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby expresses appreciation and commends Officer Robert F. Valladon for 30 years of dedicated service on behalf of the citizens of Oakland; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council thanks Officer Robert F. Valladon for his many contributions to the City of Oakland and congratulates him on his retirement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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