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09 ~~JULY~~ **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS JEAN QUAN AND DESLEY BROOKS**

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RICKEY HENDERSON ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME ON JULY 26, 2009, AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009 AS RICKEY HENDERSON MONTH**

*Presented by Council Members Jean Quan and Desley Brooks*

**WHEREAS**, Rickey Henderson was born in Chicago, Illinois on Christmas Day, 1958 and moved to Oakland at the age of 7; and

**WHEREAS**, Rickey Henderson played sandlot sports at Bushrod Park and graduated from Oakland Technical High School, starring in basketball, football and baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, Rickey Henderson chose to play professional baseball rather than opt for college football, and as a professional baseball player was widely regarded as the world's greatest leadoff hitter, being a Major League Baseball All Star 10 times; and

**WHEREAS**, during his 25 year Major League Baseball career from 1979 to 2003, Rickey Henderson stole 1406 bases, scored 2295 runs, collected 2,190 walks and had 3055 hits; and holds the all time Major League record for career and single season stolen bases, runs scored and lead-off home runs; and led the majors in stolen bases 12 times and runs scored 5 times; and

**WHEREAS**, his unparalleled combination of power hitting, on-base percentage, and base running made Rickey Henderson one of the sport's most dynamic players during his 25 year career in Major League Baseball - a player so skilled that one baseball writer noted, "if you split him in two, you would have two Hall of Famers;" and

**WHEREAS**, beyond his playing achievements, Rickey Henderson is equally known for his unquenchable enthusiasm, his buoyant quotable personality and as a man who played baseball because he loved the game; and for his generous support of Oakland school and recreation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, even though Rickey Henderson has played for 9 different teams, he has always been identified with Oakland and the Oakland A's, so much so, that regardless of where he played the residents and the City Council of Oakland always counted him a native son and took pride in his many accomplishments; and,

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2009, Rickey Henderson, the greatest leadoff hitter in baseball history and the pride of Oakland, California and his hometown team, the Oakland A's, will stride to the podium in upstate New York and join the game's immortals as he becomes the fifth Oakland A's player inducted into the Major League Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That, on behalf of the City of Oakland, we, the undersigned, do hereby, commend Rickey Henderson on his career accomplishments and congratulate him on his induction into the Major League Hall of Fame; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council declares the month of August 2009 as

***"RICKEY HENDERSON MONTH"***

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