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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 81789 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember: Larry E. Reid

RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF RALPH J. GRANT

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Grant was called home from this life at the age of 62, on February 3, 2009 and leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments and a host of family and friends, and;

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Grant was a graduate of McClymonds High School in Oakland, California, and a graduate of San Francisco State University and Golden Gate University of Law, and;

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Grant founded Grant and Smith LLP, located in Oakland, and worked as an IRS agent with the U.S. Department of Treasury as well as a Real Estate Broker specializing in residential and commercial real estate mortgages and sales, and;

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Grant was also a philanthropist, and cared deeply about youth and education, and provided volunteer services as a board member to entrepreneurial and youth focused not-for profit organizations such as the Marcus Foster Educational Institute, Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce, Eddie Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund, Donald McCullum Youth Court and the Oakland Private Industry Council, along with spearheading one of his favorite pursuits of coaching in the Oakland Metropolitan Babe Ruth Baseball League, often joking that this occupied his "spare time", and;

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Grant leaves behind his wife Gloria; his son, Casey who works as a real estate agent and who has attended Hampton University; and his daughter, Kimberley, who is a law school graduate and is married to Lee Henderson, senior manager with Ernst & Young, LLP, and;

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Grant will be missed by the multitude of friends and family, and the many lives that he has touched with his calming demeanor, radiant smile, business acumen, and love for the residents of the City of Oakland, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby express our deepest appreciation for the life of Ralph J. Grant and encourages all residents of Oakland to continue his legacy through our everyday activities, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution suitably inscribed, and be given to the family of Ralph J. Grant as a reminder for his dedicated service to the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEB 17 2009, 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and
PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:



LaTonda Simmons

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