

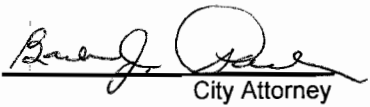
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RESOLUTION NO. 83963 C. M. S


City Attorney

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING REV. WORTHAM FEARS ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR SERVICE AS A MONTFORD POINT UNITED STATES MARINE

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears received our nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, on Wednesday, June 27th, 2012 at a ceremony in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears' Congressional Gold Medal bears the inscription, "For Outstanding Perseverance and Courage that Inspired Social Change in the Marine Corps"; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears was among approximately 20,000 young black men who trained at the segregated Montford Point Marine Base in North Carolina and among more than 400 veterans who received the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, (quoting President Barack Obama) "Despite being denied many basic rights, the Montford Point Marines committed to serve our country with selfless patriotism. Choosing to put their lives on the line, these men helped advance civil rights and influenced President Harry Truman's decision to desegregate the Armed Forces in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears, after his honorable discharge 1946, came to California for seminary training and now is assistant minister at Patten Christian Cathedral in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears and his fellow Montford Point Marines broke the color barrier segregating the Marine Corp; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Oakland does hereby commend Rev. Wortham Fears on his brave service to the United States Marine Corp during World War II.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUL 17 2012

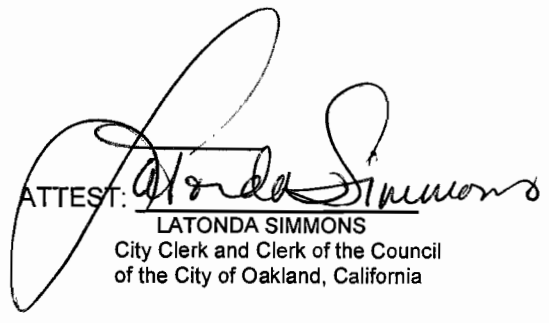
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, KAPLAN, NADEL, PRESIDENT REID, SCHAAF, KERNIGHAN AND DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

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