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**Congratulations!**  
**Gerris Wilkinson**

**Super Bowl XLII Champions, the New York Giants**

**WHEREAS, Gerris Vernard Wilkinson** was born on April 5, 1983. He is the son of Gregory Wilkinson and the late Denise Bowers, both longtime residents of Oakland, CA; and

**WHEREAS, Gerris** attended Oakland Public Schools and graduated from Skyline High School. As a high school athlete he was ranked as a Top 10 linebacker in the West Region by Prep Star; he was selected as a second-team allstate; first-team all city and first-team all-East Bay; and he was chosen for the CaliFlorida Bowl between the top players in California and Florida; and

**WHEREAS, Gerris** earned a college degree in Management from Georgia Tech on May 7, 2005, and played his final season of college football while also working on a 2nd degree in International Affairs; and

**WHEREAS, Gerris** was named to the 2003 ACC All-Academic football team and the 2003-04 ACC Academic Honor Roll; and

**WHEREAS, Gerris** was Georgia Tech's leading tackler and the top player on the Yellow Jackets' outstanding defensive unit of 2005, and also elected as one of their permanent team captains; and

**WHEREAS, in 2006, Gerris** was drafted by the New York Giants in the 3rd round (96th overall selection) of the 2006 NFL Draft; and

**WHEREAS, in his 2nd season with the New York Giants Gerris** proudly wears #59 and plays the position of linebacker; and

**WHEREAS, on February 3, 2008, the New York Giants triumphed in Super Bowl XLII** by beating the previously undefeated New England Patriots; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council hereby proudly recognizes Gerris Vernard Wilkinson** for his scholastic and athletic achievements and extends its congratulation to him and his teammates on their recent victory.

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**IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE, PRESIDENT**

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