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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS: LARRY E. REID AND DESLEY BROOKS

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING EDDIE ABRAMS ON HIS YEARS OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams, was born in 1931 in Hub, Mississippi to Will and Viola Abrams; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams, in 1948, relocated to West Oakland, California, where he attended McClymonds High School; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams, from 1950 to 1952, served in the California National Guard, 719<sup>th</sup> Gun Battalion, an all Black unit, and following his military service, worked at the Alameda Naval Air Station, where he was employed for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams transferred to Oakland Naval Supply Center and worked as a general foreman, retiring in 1986 after 36 years of dedicated service, and;

WHEREAS Eddie Abrams, in 1978, founded the Family Resource House of Unity, a non-profit corporation, established as a physical manifestation of the cultural pride, knowledge of self, and love of God that was the essence of Eddie's being; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams in 1988, became the producer and host of O.U.R.S (One United Resource System) Hour, on Soulbeat television, to showcase the talents and beauty of the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams In 2005, established Peace and Unity Day at Allensworth State Historic Park. Peace and Unity Day, held annually, brings together African Americans from all over to learn about Colonel Allensworth and to tour the Black-owned town that was founded by Colonel Allensworth; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams, is a respected and highly revered elder in the community, he is a living legend, a shining example, who continues to exemplify the community spirit that was instilled in him as a young boy in Hub, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Abrams, among his numerous awards received the Community Activist Service Award from the Oakland Branch of the NAACP, on Saturday, August 11, 2007, at the Annual NAACP dinner; and so be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby expresses appreciation and commends Mr. Eddie Abrams on behalf of the citizens of Oakland for his many contributions to the City, and be it:

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution suitably inscribed be given to Mr. Eddie Abrams as an appreciation for his dedicated service and with best wishes for the future.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, December 4, 2007

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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