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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE OAKLAND BABE RUTH ALL STAR TEAM AND THE OAKLAND CAL RIPKIN BABE RUTH LEAGUE FOR THEIR SUCCESSES ON THE FIELD AND ACADEMICALLY

WHEREAS, The Oakland , California Babe Ruth League, a 501(c)3 organization, targets 14 and 15 year old at-risk youth from throughout Oakland, and provides them with a quality athletic program that stresses the importance of a college education and community service; and

WHEREAS, The Oakland California Babe Ruth League's All Star Team took a campus tour of Morehouse College in 2008 and Bethune Cookman College in the Fall of 2007 to become familiar with the academic, athletic, and social aspects of these institutions of higher education; and to participate in the Disney Wide World of Sports Tournament in Orlando Florida; and

WHEREAS, Twelve young men – Devond Blair, Demetrius Carnical, Derek Gaines, Randall Jackson, Robert Jackson, Nick Jasso, Aumon Holliday, Christopher Livingston, Matthew Smith, Anthony Steward, Evan Williams, Jeremy Williams -- attended the 2008 college tour and expressed that visiting the campuses was undoubtedly a life changing experience for them. In addition, they played in a world class baseball tournament in Orlando Florida and competed against some of the best teams on the East Coast. This experience will last for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, The Oakland Babe Ruth League is an athletic and educational program dedicated to serving over 650 participants of both genders between the ages of 5 through 18. The goal of the league is to mold better citizens through the proper supervision of regulation and competitive baseball. In addition, the league has a strong track record of producing major league ball players. Furthermore, Oakland has won 10 Babe Ruth League World Series, more than any other city in the country; and

WHEREAS, Three motivated coaches – Chester Livingston, Rusty Jackson and Kevin Blackburn – go beyond coaching baseball as they instill in these young athletes the importance of achieving a college education and academic success; as well as augment their aspirations with college tours planned in conjunction with their tournaments; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The City of Oakland commends and congratulates the Oakland Babe Ruth All Star Team and the Oakland Cal Ripkin Babe Ruth League for their successes on the field and academically; and commend the fore-mentioned young men for their outstanding performance and enthusiasm as well as encourage recognition by all Oakland citizens and extend best wishes for continued success.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

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ABSTENTION-

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