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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

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

**HONORING THE 12 YEAR-OLD ATHLETES FROM OAKLAND, FOR THEIR EFFORTS  
IN PARTICIPATING IN THE BABE RUTH WORLD SERIES HELD IN BALTIMORE,  
MARYLAND, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

*WHEREAS, Coaches Eddie Abram, Will Ash, and Ralph Grant, were able to lead a group of 12 year-old baseball players to the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken World Series held in Aberdeen, Maryland from August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and;*

*WHEREAS, the 12 year-old Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Baseball Team, the Oakland Americans, represented the City of Oakland in Aberdeen, Maryland by competing in the Cal Ripken World Series during the inaugural 70 foot baseline year, and had the honor to meet Hall of Fame Baseball player Cal Ripen Jr., while building friendships and camaraderie with additional 12 year-old baseball players from around the country, and;*

*WHEREAS, Team Oakland Americans lost their first game against Olympia, WA by a score of 11 to 8, although both teams recorded a World Series game high for runs scored, hits, and stolen bases and;*

*WHEREAS, Team Oakland Americans retaliated by eliminating their next opponent, Greenwich, Connecticut by a score of 5-0, and;*

*WHEREAS, facing elimination in game three, Team Oakland Americans played an outstanding game, where they shut-out Calvert County, Maryland 5 to 0 and;*

*WHEREAS, Team Oakland Americans lost to Bryant, Arkansas, yet had a wonderful experience playing America's favorite pastime, and almost making it to the semi-finals of the World Series, now therefore be it;*

**RESOLVED:** *that the City of Oakland acknowledges the children for their amazing progression toward victory in the Cal Ripken World Series and be it;*

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** *that the members of the Oakland City Council, as well as the residents of Oakland, extend our appreciation to the 12 year-old participants from the City of Oakland for their hard work and success at the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken World Series, and further extend our congratulations to the parents of these athletes, and their coaches, Eddie Abram, Will Ash, Ralph Grant, and their bat boy, Grayson Boone.*

In Council, Oakland, California \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

**NOES -**

**ABSENT -**

**ABSTENTION -**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
LaTONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of  
Oakland, California