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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 87608 - C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION HONORING LEILA MOTTLEY FOR BECOMING THE 2018 OAKLAND YOUTH POET LAUREATE AND FOR HER ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, 16-year-old Leila Mottley was selected as the 2018 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate in a highly competitive process judged by accomplished authors, educators, and community leaders for her powerful, moving ability to speak for her generation, as well as for her whole community, about the issues facing Oaklanders today; and

WHEREAS, as the 2018 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate, Ms. Mottley receives a \$5,000 college scholarship provided by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library and Youth Speaks, with academic support provided by ScholarMatch, and will graduate this year from Oakland School of the Arts to attend Smith College in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mottley serves as a Member of SPOKES, the youth advisory board for Youth Speaks, serves on the Board of Chapter 510, and established her own organization, Lift Every Voice, an art program that brings young people from diverse backgrounds together in weekly art and conversation workshops to create writing and art that elevates the voices of youth whose lives have been affected by the juvenile justice system, and to advocate for the abolition of juvenile incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mottley has established herself as a powerful voice of Oakland activism through her intergenerational work with her collaborative Growing Up Oakland project that is retrieving and broadcasting stories of childhood in Oakland through poetry, interviews, and visual art, and with the Youth Radio Media created video of her *Love Poem to Oakland* that has been viewed more than 89,000 times; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mottley has performed at numerous community and school events throughout her year as our Youth Laureate, including ActLocal Oakland, Women's March Oakland 2018, March for Our Lives Oakland, and other events as the 2018 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate including events where Member of Congress Barbara Lee was present; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mottley has performed in front of thousands of people, conducted workshops with students from 4th through 11th grades in public and private schools including students in special education classrooms, and shared the stage with Angie Thomas, Boots Riley, Tongo Eisen-Martin, and Nijla Mu'min; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby warmly congratulate and honor Leila Mottley for being the City of Oakland's 2018 Youth Poet Laureate and for her ongoing contributions and support for the arts and youth education and leadership in Oakland's schools and beyond.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, ~~DEBBY MOZUMEN~~ KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN - 7

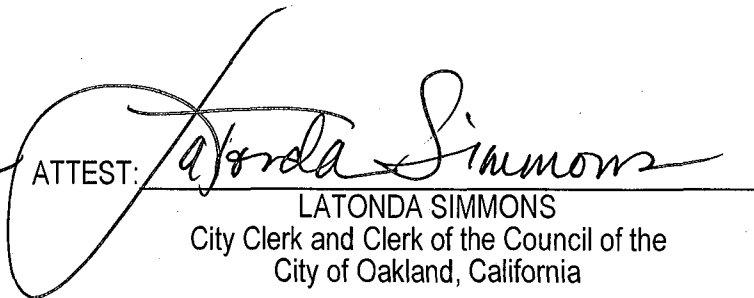
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - 1 McElhaney

ATTEST:


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