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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE OAKLAND BLACK FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MANZANITA RECREATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association is recognized as a progressive and effective community-based service organization whose primary mission is to recruit, retain, and advance the careers of the City Of Oakland fire service workforce that values and reflects the diversity of the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association’s relationship with Manzanita began in 1970 when founding OBFA member, Ernest Robinson, III convinced City fathers to build and establish the Manzanita Community Center at 2701 22nd Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association’s community service has positively impacted the Oakland community through contributions by its members – in this instance purchase and installation of new carpet in the game room as well as extensive painting; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association is recognized for its contributions to promoting educational and career goals for the youth of the City of Oakland who aspire to become Public Safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters recognizes the Oakland Black Firefighters Association’s active contributions to the United States Fire Service since 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association’s career planning and mentorship programs have provided guidance to obtaining careers in the professional fire service to Oakland residents since 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Black Firefighters Association’s motto is: *ALL THAT WE ARE, WE OWE*; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the City Council does hereby congratulate and honor the Oakland Black Firefighters Association for their ongoing contributions and support to Manzanita Recreation Center.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES— BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, 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