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Oakland Firefighters Random Acts "Random Act of Kindness" Award

WHEREAS, Oakland Firefighters Random Acts is a charitable organization started by Oakland Firefighters four years ago to provide a venue where Firefighters can request funds and resources to create Acts of Kindness when they encounter people in need in the community; and

WHEREAS, this program serves to benefit the citizens of Oakland as well as the Firefighters who respond to endless emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Firefighter's "Random Act of Kindness" Award goes to Leslie Troutner, a nurse at Oakland Children's Hospital and her husband Daniel Troutner, who took in and cared for Salah Khalaf, an Iraqi boy who picked up an explosive that killed his brother and destroyed his arms and eye; and

WHEREAS, while Children's Hospital in Oakland did provid Saleh and his father, Raheem who accompanied him to the United States, a place to stay while recovering from his wounds, they were still ill-prepared to adapt to a life in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Troutners integrated Saleh and Raheem into their family unit to ease the transition from their native land to a place where everything was unfamiliar, from basics such as language and food to the idea of taking BART, which we take for granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland recognizes the Troutners as exemplary citizens of the United States for taking in and caring for a family that was devasted by the conflict in Iraq.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,	JUN 0 7 2005	_, 20
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:		
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of the City of Oakland, California