OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 77644 G.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY A. BROOKS

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHUCK JOHNSON AND THE SOULBEAT ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Chuck Johnson, President and CEO of The SOULBEAT Television Network has been providing television programming for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Chuck Johnson, founded The SOULBEAT Television Network; and

WHEREAS, is the first African American to own a television network in America. Mr. Johnson is the sole owner of The SOULBEAT Television Network; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, SOULBEAT became the first black owned station to carry live internationally on the web; and

WHEREAS, SOULBEAT's format includes cutting edge interactive television, music videos, community talk-shows, educational and inspirational programming; and

WHEREAS, SOULBEAT has provided an invaluable outlet for the African American community to educate itself and the greater community by giving a voice to the African American community; and

WHEREAS, through SOULBEAT, the world has, and continues to learn that African Americans are innovators in business, politics, education as well as a host of other areas; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council commends Chuck Johnson and The SOULBEAT Television Network, Incorporated for 25 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Oakland with their dedication and for the undeniable impact they have made on our community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council requests staff to send a copy of this resolution to Chuck Johnson, CEO of The SOULBEAT Television Network.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY 11TH. 2003

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN, AND

PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - &

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council

of the City of Oakland, California