

Barbara J. [Signature]
City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 81201 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmembers Nancy J. Nadel, Jean Quan, and Larry Reid

Resolution Honoring Coach Dwight Nathaniel For His Outstanding Leadership Of The McClymonds High School Boys Basketball Team, The Warriors, In Their Undefeated (32-0) Season And Division I California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Championship, Congratulating Coach Nathaniel On Being Named The 2008 State Coach of the Year by CalHiSports, And Congratulating Him on His Retirement After 13 Years As a Coach/Educator

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2008, Head Coach Dwight Nathaniel led the Warriors, the McClymonds High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, to their victory in the Division I California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Championship, capping an undefeated season, with a 73-54 triumph over the Dominguez-Compton Dons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nathaniel graduated from McClymonds High School in 1974, after starring on the football and baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nathaniel returned to McClymonds in 1992 as the Junior Varsity Coach, after coaching at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) level for 10 years, later becoming Head Coach of the Warriors' Varsity Team, inspiring student-athletes for 13 years, only taking a break from 1998 to 2000 to focus on his family; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nathaniel is also a 20-year employee of the City of Berkeley where he currently manages energy conservation and energy programs for low-income residents of Berkeley and Albany; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Nathaniel's leadership, this was the Warriors' first undefeated season since 1962 and their first state title in school history, vaulting the Warriors from last year's sixth position to being ranked Number Two in the nation by MaxPreps, America's Source for High School Sports; and

WHEREAS, two days after winning the state title, the Warriors were also named the Cal-Hi Sports State Team of the Year, making them the first Northern California team since 1992 to finish the season ranked Number One in the state but the sixth time McClymonds High School has finished at the Number One ranking; and

WHEREAS, it is no surprise then that Coach Nathaniel was named the 2008 State Coach of the Year by CalHiSports.com; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nathaniel's philosophy is to treat the gym as a classroom — where teaching basketball and life-skills is the order of the day and the "exams" consist of the competitions on the court and in the classroom — and all eight of this season's graduating seniors will attend college, three of them on athletic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, this was Coach Nathaniel's final season and he is retiring after 13 years at McClymonds, finishing his career with 248 wins and 108 losses with the Warriors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the elected officials, staff, and residents of Oakland hereby recognize Coach Dwight Nathaniel for his leadership and outstanding commitment to McClymonds High School, the students, and the Warriors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council and City Administrator extend their heart-felt appreciation, on behalf of all the residents of Oakland, to Coach Nathaniel for his 13 years of dedicated service to the students of McClymonds High School, and to the City of Oakland, and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his exceptional achievements.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 15 2008, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

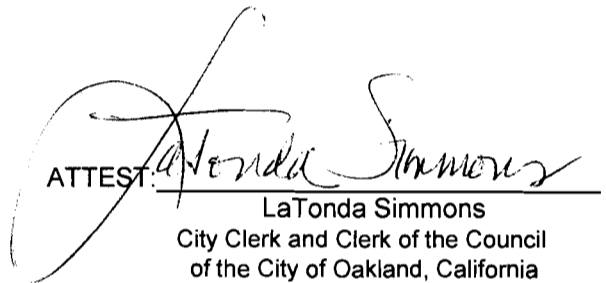
AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, ~~KERNIGHAN~~, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Kernighan - 1

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California