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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 81242 C. M. S

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR: LARRY E. REID

ADOPT A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. H. MAHLON HARMON. FOR NINTEEN (19) YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon, relocated to Oakland, CA in 1955 and graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1958, and:

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon upon graduation from San Francisco State University, began his career in civic service when he was selected to participate in the first class of the National Urban Fellows Program, and chosen to do an internship with Carl B. Stokes, former Mayor of Cleveland, OH and;

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon in 1974, was became the executive director Youth For Service in San Francisco which won a national award from the U.S. Dept. of Labor for its innovative programs, and;

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon began his employment with the City of Oakland and established the Graffiti Abatement Program, which won an award during its first year of operation for its achievements; and,

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon, was appointed by Councilmember Larry Reid in 1998 to serve on the Planning and Oversight Committee for KidsFirst!, served as co-chair for two years, worked on Councilmember Reid's Small Business Symposium and developed all of the panels and workshops for the first six years, and;

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon was one of the original organizers for the establishment of IFPTE Local 21 Chapter for City employees and served as the Political Action Coordinator, and,

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon in 2007 he served as convener of Mayor Ronald V. Dellums Task Force on City Government during the implementation phase, and,

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon during his career developed Community Development Block Grant contracts, conducted training for CDBG District Board Members, and served as Masters of Ceremonies at Employee of the Year ceremonies as well as numerous other City and Union sponsored events, and,

WHEREAS, H. Mahlon Harmon in April 2008 announced his retirement from the City of Oakland to enjoy his family, traveling, and his passion for mentoring at-risk African-American youth, now, .therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That the elected officials, staff and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize H. Mahlon Harmon for his outstanding service and many contributions to the City of Oakland, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it:

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulations to H. Mahlon Harmon for his 19 years of dedication, commitment, and hard work to the City of Oakland, and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and offering their sincere appreciation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, May 6, 2008

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, KERMIGHAN. AND PRESIDENT DE LA

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LATONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the City of

Oakland, California