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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHAAF

RESOLUTION COMMENDING LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, The Laurel Elementary School was opened in 1909 under the direction of Belle Flaherty, and the present school building was dedicated on December 4, 1979, and holds the last real school bell in Oakland which hung from the center roof of the original building; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 100-year history, Laurel Elementary School has affirmed itself proudly as an Oakland school and has continued civic partnerships throughout the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Ron C. Smith became principal and has helped Laurel improve to become one of the highest performing elementary schools in Oakland, and removed the fences around the school to connect the students with the community surrounding them; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Elementary currently has 525 students eager to learn, and dedicated teachers who spend their time creating focused daily lessons that prepare students for the bright future ahead of them; and

WHEREAS, the After School program provides a safe, nurturing, and beautiful environment where kids are exposed to academic and enrichment activities that extend past the normal school day; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Elementary has an active parent body that supports the overall development of all its students with activities to enhance the whole child's learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Elementary has continued to provide expanded activities for the students including art, music, dance, science, instrumental music, and multiple opportunities to develop the whole child in every aspect of the educational experiences of its students and teachers despite budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 100 year history, Laurel Elementary has continued to improve students academic achievement in a safe environment where teachers practice instructional strategies that meet the individual learning needs of all students; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland congratulates and commends the Laurel Elementary School for its for 100 years of great service to the children of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

**LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California**