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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**Resolution awarding Richard Quezada the Oakland
Firefighters Random Acts
“Citizen Hero of the Year” 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, in 2004, the Oakland Firefighters were the only organization in the country to receive a Community Service Award from Firehouse Magazine, in which its editor Dennis Smith stated that, “there should be a program like this in every fire department in the country”; and

WHEREAS, as part of this program the Firefighters name a “Citizen Hero of the Year”, and in 2005 Richard Quezada, saved a family of six from a house fire in East Oakland, when he awoke at 1:30 a.m. in the morning to find the house next door on fire and ran over to wake the residents up; and

WHEREAS, Richard first entered the house and got two teenagers out, and then went back in a second time to help a mother and a young girl out of the house, only to have the mother cry out that there were still two younger girls inside. He then ran back in a third time, located the girls, threw one over his shoulder and got them all out safely, his quick actions saving the entire family; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland recognizes Mr. Richard Quezada as the Citizen Hero of the Year for his courage and valor, and as a standard bearer for Random Acts of Kindness that occur throughout our City

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California