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RESOLUTION No. 80594 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUNNER

A Resolution Declaring June 5th, 2007 "Maverick Girls Under 12 Soccer Team" Day

WHEREAS, this Winter, the champion Maverick Under 12 Girls Soccer Team will be conducting a goodwill tour of Ghana, Africa during which time they will perform soccer exhibitions and provide soccer instruction to Ghanaian girls in Oakland's Sister City Sekondi-Takoradi; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of their coach, Robert Sackey, former coach of the Ghanaian Women's World Cup team, the Black Queens, to have this goodwill tour result in the formation of the first girl's soccer league in Ghana; and

WHEREAS, the playing of sports by young girls is understood to promote self esteem, health and greater success in pursuit of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the champion Maverick Under 12 Girls Soccer Team will bring to Ghana soccer equipment and uniforms to provide hundreds of Ghanaian girls with what they will need to perform at the highest levels of competitive soccer; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robert Sackey has established a soccer academy, the Hasaacas Youth Academy, that has allowed Ghanaian boys and girls of all social standings to benefit from playing sports, and Maverick teams have long supported that academy by providing soccer equipment and uniforms; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Oakland proclaims June 5th, 2007 as "Maverick Girls Under 12 Soccer Team Day" in the City of Oakland and encourages Oakland's residents to donate soccer equipment and uniforms to be distributed to the children of Ghana.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: **JUN 5 2007**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, KERNIGHAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:

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