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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TEAM OAKLAND FOR PARTICIPATING THE
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES TO BE HELD IN ATHENS GREECE**

WHEREAS, 13 students from Bay Area selected to represent City of Oakland as Team Oakland in International Children's Game 2009 in Athens, Greece, and is sponsored by 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, and Oakland Police Athletic League, and that the athletes that comprise Team Oakland are the 100 Black Wings, Oakland P.A.L., C.A. Track Club, and Oakland Parks & Recreation., and;

WHEREAS, Team members include :A'Daeja Davenport, Aaliyah Douglas, Amanda Warhuus, Gabriella Cantrell, Keionna Devereaux, Niesha Pierce, Taylor Wheeler, Samiyah Shabazz, Austin Carrington-Scott, Austin Harper, Donald Glover, Gabriel Richard, Ibrahima Mobley, Javion Robinson, Michael Nguyen; Head Coach Gold Olympic Gold Medalist Tommie Smith; Coaches Phyllis Hall, Nola Turnage and Reginald Harper; City Representative Coach Margaret Dixon; Delegation Head Mark Alexander, and;

WHEREAS, In the 40 plus years of their history, the Games have managed to achieve the dream of their creator, bringing together children from all over the world every year, and with more than 32,000 children from every continent of the planet having taken part in the Games, strong friendships have been created, and different cultures have come one step closer together, opening up new horizons for all those who take part, and;

WHEREAS, More than 1,500 athletes from all over the world take part in the events every year, and to date there have been 40 summer and 3 winter events in 20 different countries: Andorra, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, and the USA, and in total, representatives from 332 different towns and 74 countries have taken part, and;

WHEREAS, For the first time in the history of the International Children's Games, the Athens Games will not just include events held for children with disabilities, but mixed events, in which children with and without disabilities will compete together, and in this way, the Organizational Committee of the 43rd International Children's Games is promoting the idea of equality of all children, regardless of their differences and, at the same time, contributes to the smooth integration of children with special needs in society as a whole; and;

WHEREAS, The International Children's Games are sponsored by the International Olympic Committee, and that The City of Oakland was invited to participate in this year's games, and will be one of 80 cities from six continents competing in Athens this summer, and Team Oakland will participate in the International Children's games with 2,000 delegates, 1,500 athletes, 80 cities, compete for 4 days at 9 venues, so be it therefore;

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland, along with the entire City Council congratulates **TEAM OAKLAND** for participating in the International Children's games to be held in Athens Greece

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____ 2009.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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LA TONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California