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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 78780 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS Larry Reid and President Ignacio DeLaFuente



**RESOLUTION HONORING ANDRE WARD FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL
IN THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION OF THE 2004 OLYMPICS IN
ATHENS, GREECE**

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Ward began his boxing career in 1994 and trained out of King's Boxing Gym located Oakland's Fruitvale District, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Ward, throughout his boxing career, remains undefeated, and was the Junior Olympic Champion in 1999, won the Under 19 Championship in 2002, won the Everlast Championship in 2003, and continued to exemplify an extraordinary inner strength and physical ability to enable him to reach his ultimate goal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Ward, representing the United States of America and his hometown of Oakland, California, fought successfully against world competitors to gain the Gold Medal, the highest of awards, in the Light Heavyweight Division in the 2004 Olympic Games, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Ward's incredible success demonstrates that, with hard work, and dedication to a dream, a person can achieve anything, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Ward credits his determination and desire to his coach, Mr. Virgil Hunter, his wife, Tiffiney Ward, his two children Andre Ward, Jr. and Malachi Ward, and a host of relatives, friends, and supporters throughout the Bay Area, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Ward, through the memory of his Father, Frank Ward, whose words inspired him to continue his quest, remains an inspiration to the young people in Oakland, and throughout our Nation to pursue their dream, so therefore be it;

RESOLVED: *that the City Council and the City of Oakland does hereby commend and honor Oakland's own Mr. Andre Ward for winning the Gold Medal in the Light Heavyweight Boxing Division in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution suitably inscribed, be given to Mr. Andre Ward recognition for his "Golden Accomplishment" in representing the United States of America and the City of Oakland, with our best wishes for continued success.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 21 2004, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, ~~QUAN~~ REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 7

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

Excused- Quan - 1

ATTEST:



CEDA FLOYD

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