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RESOLUTION NO.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

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CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING REV. WORTHAM FEARS ON HIS RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MONTFORD POINT UNITED STATES MARINE SERVICE

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears received the Congressional Medal of Honor on Wednesday, June 27th, 2012 at a ceremony in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears received the Gold Medal after the November 11, 2011 signing by President Obama awarding the Congressional Gold Medal after HR2447 and S1527 were unanimously passed through the House and Senate; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears was among approximately 20,000 other young black men who trained at Montford Point Marine Base in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears, after his honorable discharge, came to California for seminary training and now is assistant minister at Patten Christian Cathedral in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Wortham Fears and his fellow Montford Point Marines broke the color barrier segregating the Armed Forces; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Oakland does hereby commend Rev. Wortham Fears on his brave service to the United States Marines during World War II.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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