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Introduced by Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

## RESOLUTION HONORING SUPERINTENDENT TONY SMITH ON HIS SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**WHEREAS**, Tony Smith served as Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) from July 2009 to July 2013, leading The District to be the most improved urban school district in the state of California for all 4 years of his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony Smith is both locally and nationally recognized for his leadership by business, education, and political leaders, as well as community members, for implementing a number of highly successful academic and social development initiatives within OUSD, and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, OUSD was granted nearly \$40 million dollars in philanthropic grants from major institutions such as The Kaiser Foundation, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation, the Panasonic Foundation and many other contributors to support such academic and social development programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, OUSD eliminated its structural deficit of over \$40 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Smith lead OUSD through a strategic planning process that developed from his vision of schools serving all of Oakland students as *Full Service Community Schools* and by the development of a social change model that determined the following 3 key pillars as the model for change and action in OUSD:

1. Insuring a high-quality instructional core
2. Ensuring social, emotional, and physical health
3. Creating equitable opportunities for learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, from 2010-2011 OUSD strategic planning process included 14 task forces focused on enhancing achievement, health and wellbeing, instruction, data collection, results based budgeting, and more. This Strategic Plan, known as "Community Schools, Thriving Students, was adopted in Summer of 2011" and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Smith has been a strong advocate of literacy as a champion of the Oakland Reads 2020 campaign, and through the direction of District-wide usage of the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) to determine benchmarks and track the growth of student reading levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, OUSD created the Quality Schools Development Group to assess schools not just in terms of academic performance but by a vetted set of School Quality Standards such as quality learning experiences, school climate, effective leadership and resource development, student and family engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Smith identified as the greatest challenge facing The District as the concentration of African American males who were performing very low academically and thus, directed unprecedented resources to help address these needs through the creation of the Office of African American Male Achievement which carryout programs such as Manhood Development, Read2Lead, and the African American Oral History Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, OUSD's chronic absence rate fell by nearly 10 percent District-wide and the dropout rate has decreased by more than five percent; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, 18 percent more African-American and 48 percent more Latino students are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Tony Smith, OUSD added 8 more school based health centers to its campuses which serviced 25,000 clinic visits in the 2011-2012 school year, making OUSD the leader in school-based health centers, per capita; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council recognizes Tony Smith for his commendable service to the students, families, teachers, and staff of the Oakland Unified School District.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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