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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.
INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR LARRY E. REID

RESOLUTION HONORING MICHELE A. SILVIA FOR HER 33 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RECENT RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia was born and raised in Oakland, graduated from Oakland High School in 1974 and Merritt College in 1982; and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia worked with the Neighborhood Youth Core Program (NYCII) in 1973 and,

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia started working for the Oakland Police Department as a Reserve Police Officer in 1982; and was awarded ROOKIE of the YEAR in 1983 and,

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia began working as a Police Evidence Technician Crime Scene Investigator in 1984; and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia worked over 20,000 cases as a Crime Scene Investigator including multiple high profile cases like the "EARTH FIRST Bombing" and LossieLand Pre-School tragedy, the Oakland Hills fire and the Loma Prieta Earthquake; and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia volunteered for the Oakland based City Team International for over 30 years helping our homeless and recovering citizens by serving meals and providing clothing and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia, while working for the City of Oakland as a Reserve Officer saved the life of a man by pulling him out of a burning car and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia has served her fellow employees as a Union Shop Steward for SEIU1021 since 1987, serving as a Chief Steward for 6 of those years and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia has volunteered for the American Cancer Society receiving a Merit Award for raising awareness and funds and saving lives from Cancer including her own as she has been in remission for 6 years and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia in 2006, was elected by her peers as Employee of the Year for her professionalism, dedication and teamwork was awarded the "Bureau of Field Operations Professional of the Year Award" and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia was awarded the Oakland Police Chief's Certificate of Commendation for her Distinguished Service in 2013 for her attention to details on projects and invaluable assistance with the routine planning and her commitment to service to the Oakland Police Department Open house and Christmas Social for employees and the City of Oakland community and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia, while working a crime scene in Oakland in 1998, met two wonderful young boys ages 12 & 14 years who she later adopted into her loving home along with her daughter and together became a family and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia has volunteered countless hours for more than 20 years raising funds and managing events for Special Olympics at the OPD “Singing with the Stars” Lip Sync Show, Photographing The OPD “Torch Run” and working “TIP a COP”, Together with fellow OPD members she helps raise between 20 to 40 thousand dollars a year and was recognized for her dedication, support and fundraising efforts for the Special Olympics Northern California Athletes and;

WHEREAS, Michele A Silvia is an active Career Counselor for sophomore and juniors at Oakland High School for the past 8 years and;

WHEREAS, Michele A. Silvia teaches Criminal Justice classes at Merritt Jr. College, the Police Academy, Homicide Investigators, the SWAT members and the Citizen’s Police Academy helping bridge the gap between our youth, officers and adult citizens and;

WHEREAS, Michele Silvia is an active member of the Asian Police Officers Association and the National Latino Peace Officers Association, dedicating countless hours of volunteer work documenting events and,

WHEREAS, Michele Silvia is a photographer with gallery presentations in Oakland, so be it;

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council commends Michele A. Silvia for her leadership and dedication to the employee’s and citizens in the City of Oakland over the past 33 years and therefore be it further;

RESOLVED that I, Larry E. Reid, Vice Mayor for the City of Oakland, and Council Member for the 7th District, on behalf of the Oakland City Council, do hereby honor and recognize Michele Silvia upon her retirement from the City of Oakland after 33 years of dedicated and memorable service

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2014
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES - BROOKS, SCHAAF, KALB, KAPLAN, REID,
GALLO, MCELHANEY, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN