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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Introduced by Council President Pro Tem Larry Reid

RESOLUTION No.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2014-2015 BISHOP O'DOWD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE OPEN DIVISION TITLE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Bishop O' Dowd High School, located in Oakland, California, is a top college prep, Catholic school that nourishes skilled, joyful, creative and entrepreneurial students in an enriched, challenging, and diverse environment, under the direction and leadership of Principal Steve Phelps, and;

WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 Bishop O' Dowd High School Boys Basketball Team, won a thrilling 65-64 overtime victory over defending state champion and perennial Southern California powerhouse Mater Dei while going into the State championship game with a record of 0 and 8 in state title appearances, since winning the program's lone title in 1981, and;

WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 Bishop O' Dowd Boys Basketball Team, under the leadership of Athletic Director Mike Bowler, and coached by Lou Barack Ritchie, along with his assistant coaches, Tony Freccero, Dante Patterson, Mike Bannister, Pat Durgin, Zachary Hile, Manuel Cortez, Coleen Kelly, Gerald Bennett, David Simril, Kareem Jackson, and legendary honorary coach, Mike Phelps, won 26 games with only 4 losses in their regular season, and earned a number one seed in the Northern California regional game in Sacramento, which ultimately led to a State Title game against defending State Champion and perennial Southern California powerhouse Mater Dei, and;

WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 Bishop O' Dowd Boys Basketball Team Players included, Arinze Chidom, Austin Walker, Alex Zhao, Paris Austin, Franklin Longrus, Jeevin Sandhu, Isaiah Thomas, Mike Hauser, Cameron Patterson, Je'Quari Baggett, Naseem Gaskins, Elijah Hardy, and MacDonald's All-American and University of California, Berkeley bound, Ivan Rabb, played to a thrilling 65-64 overtime victory over Mater Dei, quenching Bishop O'Dowd's nearly 35-year state title thirst, now therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council recognizes and honors the 2014-2015 Bishop O' Dowd Boys Basketball Team for capturing the 2014-2015 State Open Division Championship on March 28, 2015

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

MAY 1 9 2015

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT

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NOES -

ABSENT - A

ABSTENTION - A

Excused - Reid - 1

ATTEST:

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