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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85774 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORIAL TABLERNACLE CHURCH

WHEREAS, Memorial Tabernacle Church (MTC) was first established in 1925 as "The Seventh Street Mission" on 7th Street in West Oakland, by Bishop Judge King; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Judge and his wife, Sarah King, preached on street corners, in front of bars, and invited people into their home. The Church then grew rapidly into one of the great centers of evangelism in the classical Pentecostal tradition in the Bay Area. Popular revivalists and evangelists throughout the country came to conduct revival services at the Church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Judge King passed away in 1945, leaving the Church in the hands of his son and able assistant, Bishop Ulysses S. King. Bishop King was a progressive thinker, spiritual leader, church administrator, organizer, and an anointed preacher as well as talented musician; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, the U. S. Postal Service purchased several blocks of land and property on Seventh Street to build their new Main Post Office. The Seventh Street Mission had to find a new home, and after much prayer and discussion, they were directed to North Oakland, where they found and purchased a building on the corner of 58th Street and Telegraph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, today, Memorial Tabernacle Church is led by Pastor Ulysses S. King, Jr.—a powerful and dynamic man of faith who has served for over 30 years. Under his leadership, MTC has made a passionate commitment towards being a ministry that is "reaching to teach, teaching to change" one person and one block at a time. MTC serves through community service, evangelism and missionary work to benefit North Oakland residents and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, along with Manna from Heaven, MTC serves hundreds of homeless residents every month through the Breakfast in Bed: Feeding the Homeless program; and

WHEREAS, MTC's Embracing our Community Program has reached hundreds of Oakland residents over the years through health fairs, homeless food and clothing give-a-ways, health screenings and educational workshops, youth outreach, recycling programs and a community vegetable garden; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council does hereby commend Memorial Tabernacle Church and its members for many years of community service and commitment to Oakland and joins in joyous celebration of Memorial Tabernacle Church's 90th Anniversary on September 20, 2015.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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IATON/DA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California