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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

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**RESOLUTION HONORING THE THREE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED AS 2020 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS BY STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TONY THURMOND: CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CROCKER HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2019, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced that 324 elementary schools in the state are being honored under the 2020 California Distinguished Schools Award Program, which recognizes outstanding education programs and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, on the list of 2020 California Distinguished Schools, the Oakland Unified School District has three remarkable schools that received the honor: Cleveland Elementary School, Crocker Highlands Elementary School, and Lincoln Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools for closing the achievement gap and for achieving exceptional student performance, and evaluates based on state indicators that include test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate; and

**WHEREAS**, Distinguished School awardees represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful school climate efforts ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, the three OUSD Distinguished School awardees, their teachers, staff, students, and entire school communities, are creating outstanding learning environments for Oakland's young people; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland Elementary School, founded in 1914, serves a diverse and underserved student population living in poverty with a large percentage of English learners. The school community came together determined to build a community around shared values of inclusiveness and responsibility, and they focused on academic achievement and creating feelings of connections between African Americans, English learners, and students with disabilities. The School Culture and Leadership Teams supported professional development which resulted in improved outcomes in school culture, and this work has also resulted in a 57% decrease in students being absent from class. The California Healthy Kids Survey showed an overall positive feeling among students at this school compared to others in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Crocker Highlands Elementary School founded in 1925, provides a joyful, equitable educational experience that fosters enthusiasm for learning, and through the efforts of its staff and with the cooperation of its parent community, has increased academic achievement. At the same time, Crocker's staff has worked hard to close the achievement gap, create safe environments in which students are highly engaged, inspired to think broadly, and feel safe taking academic risks. Crocker offers academic, social and emotional programs to support students most in need and benefits from high levels of our parent and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln Elementary School, originally founded as the Harrison Street School and renamed Lincoln in 1874, serves 700 students, the majority of whom come from immigrant families from across the globe. Lincoln transmits the values of respect for the home culture and language, cooperation and teamwork, honesty, integrity and strong ties to its parents and community; and has achieved exceptional student performance. Lincoln staff make consistent efforts to meet the needs of every diverse student, academically, socially and emotionally, through multi-tiered systems of support; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the City Council honors Cleveland Elementary School, Crocker Highlands Elementary School, and Lincoln Elementary School, three Oakland Unified School District schools that received the 2020 California Distinguished Schools Awards, in recognition and praise for their tremendous accomplishments and achievements on behalf of the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the City Council supports the continued success of Cleveland Elementary School, Crocker Highlands Elementary School, and Lincoln Elementary School.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California