



IN HONOR OF DR. HERB WONG, HONORABLE WORLD WAR II VETERAN

WHEREAS, Dr. Herb Wong, a visionary principal of Washington Elementary School, worked with three gifted music educators, Phil Hardymon, Bob Chacona, and Dick Whittington, to create the multi-disciplinary elementary-school jazz curriculum which has developed into what is now the internationally renowned, award-winning Berkeley High School Jazz Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wong fostered pioneering collaborations between musicians and teachers, bringing jazz luminaries Oscar Peterson and Duke Ellington to inspire and educate legions of Berkeley's diverse elementary school student body in recognition of the civil rights movement and the origins of jazz as a way of propagating a truly democratic and artistic spirit; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wong, through his persistence and prodigious effort, convinced his own teachers, district administrators, UC Berkeley, and the National Science Foundation to support him in the creation of the Washington School Environmental Yard, and the United Nations recognized its successful integration of diverse academic, social and creative initiatives which utilized fruit and vegetable gardening, composting, and exploring nature in diversified habitats; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wong co-authored "Natural Learning: The Life History of an Environmental Schoolyard" and numerous other books on science for children, including two environmental series, which were adopted by the California State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wong, known as one of San Francisco Bay area's resident jazz experts, created a jazz exhibit for the Smithsonian Institute, penned hundreds of articles, reviews, and liner notes for jazz recordings, hosted radio jazz shows for KCSM and KKJZ, founded Black Hawk and Palo Alto record labels, produced jazz albums, and was named a Bay Area "Jazz Hero" by the local International Jazz Journalists Association chapter and a California Jazz Hall of Famer.

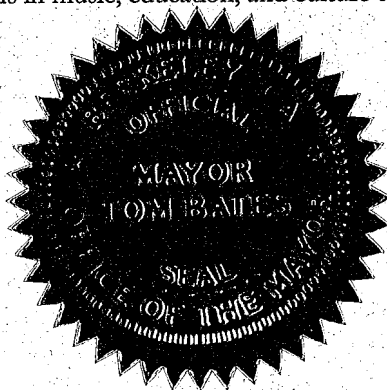
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby honor

Dr. Herb Wong

for his many notable contributions in music, education, and culture to both Berkeley and the larger Bay Area.

Tom Bates

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Mayor



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