



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1213-0042**



In Memoriam

Mynette Theard, President, Service Employees International Union Local 1021



WHEREAS, Mynette Theard, President, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1021, was one of the greatest friends, supporters, and advocates of the Oakland Unified School District (District); and



WHEREAS, Mynette dedicated her life to the betterment of Oakland schools so that students might have better conditions in which to grow and to learn; and



WHEREAS, Mynette excelled as both a School Security Officer (SSO) and a labor leader, working in both roles to provide greater stability for the students and staff of the District; and



WHEREAS, Mynette was a forceful leader who fought valiantly for the members of SEIU, Local 1021, but also managed to transcend partisan bickering and place student needs first; and



WHEREAS, Fellow SEIU Member Thomas Scott recalled Mynette as “a powerful source of strength, reliability, attitude and wisdom who showcased all these attributes not only on the job, and in representing her union, but also on a personal level. Mrs. Theard will be missed deeply, but her presence shall be everlasting”; and



WHEREAS, Mynette was a fighter, for her union, for students, and against the illness which she faced, but which did not diminish her spirit,



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board, the Superintendent, and the employees of the Oakland Unified School District thank Mynette Theard for her innumerable contributions to the District, salute her dedication to her most important work, honor her compassion for Oakland’s children and send our deepest condolences to her family, friends and members of SEIU.



Given under our hand and the District’s seal the 14th day of November 2012 at Oakland, California.



Jody London
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District



Tony Smith
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

