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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Kriss Worthington, District 7, Berkeley City Council
 Subject: Proclamation to Recognize and Praise 12-Year-Old Zeke Gerwein for His Successful "Zeke's Climate Ride" Action

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Proclamation recognizing and praising Zeke Gerwein for his valiant efforts to elevate awareness of climate change through "Zeke's Ride for the Climate" and the completion of his bicycle ride from the California-Mexico border to Seattle.

BACKGROUND

Zeke Gerwein, a 12-year-old Berkeley resident, committed his summer vacation to helping create a better future for all of us. For a total of five weeks and over 1,300 miles, Zeke traveled by bicycle from San Diego to Seattle to raise money for the Sierra Club's Climate Change Campaign. He ventured through countless cities, including Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, and Fort Bragg in California, Astoria in Oregon, and Bremerton in Washington. With the approach of his bar mitzvah, Zeke has generously asked his family and friends to donate to the Sierra Club Bay Chapter instead of the usual presents. While young adults are busy with video games and playing, Zeke hopes that he can create lasting change with awareness and the donations that will allow the Bay Chapter to continue organizing to combat climate change.

"I feel I should do everything I can to reduce the threats to many plant and animal species who will suffer from global warming," said Zeke in the letter he wrote to his relatives.

Zeke has shown initiative and commitment to a great cause and such outstanding efforts demand recognition. To find out more and support Zeke's efforts, please see:

<http://www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/donate/zekes-ride.htm>
http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/index.html?o=1&doc_id=12307&v=c

FISCAL IMPACTS

None.

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IN HONOR OF ZEKE GERWEIN
DISTINGUISHED EFFORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, Zeke Gerwein has generously asked family and friends to donate to the Sierra Club Bay Chapter instead of receiving gifts for his bar mitzvah; and

WHEREAS, Zeke Gerwein has shown initiative in helping create lasting positive change in the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Zeke Gerwein is a model young citizen of the City of Berkeley who shows exceptional passion for environmental causes

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and proclaim Zeke Gerwein as a valuable and contributing member of Berkeley and the Bay Area Community and leader on the environment.

Mayor Tom Bates

Councilmember Max Anderson

Councilmember Jesse Arreguin

Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

Councilmember Linda Maio

Councilmember Darryl Moore

Councilmember Susan Wengraf

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