The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of honoring Fred Davis Jackson for his remarkable contributions to Contra Costa County and beyond

RESOLUTION NO. 2011/86

WHEREAS, Fred Davis Jackson has profoundly influenced countless lives in our community through his work as a peace and social justice activist, artist, philanthropist, and community educator; and

WHEREAS, Fred Jackson has lived in Contra Costa County since moving here from Mississippi in the 1950's, graduated from Richmond High School in 1957, and joined the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Fred Jackson was recently named a "Hometown Hero" by the Bay Area News Group, and continues to be an inspiration to all who know him, or who hear him speak or sing; and

WHEREAS, Fred Jackson continually demonstrates his love of all humanity, considering all people part of a beautiful "People Bouquet" – the title of one of his songs; and

WHEREAS, Representative George Miller chose Fred Jackson to serve as the sole elector from the 7th Congressional District and he cast an electoral vote for President Obama in 2008, and attended President Obama's inauguration in Washington DC in 2009; and

WHEREAS, as a peace and social justice activist, Fred Jackson participated in sit-ins in the South during the 1960s Civil Rights movement; participated in numerous walks and marches for peace; fasted for 19 days as part of Fast4Education for equitable school funding in 2004; spoke against the death penalty; promoted violence prevention initiatives like the Tent City Peace Movement; received the 2000 Peacemaker Award in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, as an artist, Fred Jackson wrote, directed and produced the play Brother Dap at the Richmond auditorium in 1994; wrote the novel An Evolution in Black and White; wrote his soon-to-be published reflections "Thoughts Set Free on the Wings of Expression"; and has written and performs numerous songs, including "One Step at a Time." "Too Early Too Young," and "When the Ozone is Gone;" and

WHEREAS, as a philanthropist, Fred Jackson, together with Pastor Bradford and Paul Foster, donated a parcel of land which enabled the City of Richmond, the Labor of Love Community Development Corporation and related companies to establish the Trinity Plaza housing complex for low-income seniors at Macdonald Ave. and 4th St. in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, as a community educator, Fred Jackson has worked for Neighborhood House of North Richmond on numerous issues to benefit the community including lead abatement, HIV education, and improved nutrition through H.E.A.L. (Healthy Eating Active Living) collaborative; and

WHEREAS, as a man of faith, this year Fred Jackson introduced a Health Covenant to unite the community and the church in a fight against diabetes; and

WHEREAS, these many accomplishments are just a few examples of the breadth of contributions Fred Jackson has made to the Contra Costa community; and

WHEREAS, Fred Jackson is well-loved and respected throughout our region by his friends, family, fellow activists and people of all ages and backgrounds who have the pleasure of interacting with him; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond and Contra Costa County are in the process of renaming the main street through North Richmond as Fred Jackson Way to honor his commitment to unify communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors thank and acknowledge Fred Jackson for his lifetime of countless contributions and hope that his message of peace, hope and unity continues to spread in every corner of our community.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Be	oard of Supervisors members	present this 22^{nd} day of March, 2011.
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Introduced by Supervisor John Gioia