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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, January 24, 2008
10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I

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note that the hour has come and that a

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quorum of this Council is present.

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Council will come to order.

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Members will take their seats and

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visitors will retire to the seats outside

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the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair welcomes Bishop Keith

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Reed, Sr. He is the Senior Pastor of the

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Sharon Baptist Church. He is here today

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as the guest of Councilman Jones.

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I would ask all members and

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guests to please rise.

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BISHOP REED: Let us pray.

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Our Father and our God, we come

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again in the name that is above every

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name, the name that every knee is going

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to bow and every tongue will confess. We

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come asking and thanking you for giving

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us this day. Thank you for health and

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strength, sound mind, activity of limbs.

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We bless your name.

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And on this day we ask for your

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2 wisdom, your guidance for all of those
3 who are in authority. I pray that you
4 would use them to exercise that which is
5 right, that which is good, that which is
6 benevolent. When it's all said and done,
7 it will be for the good of man but for
8 your glory.

9 We ask it in the name that's
10 above every name, in Christ's name we
11 pray.

12 Amen.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

14 The Chair thanks Bishop Reed
15 for his very inspiring invocation.

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 next order of business is the approval of
20 the Journal of Monday, January 7, 2008,
21 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Tasco.

23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that the Journal

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2 of the meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008
3 stand approved.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
5 hear a second?

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and properly seconded that
9 the Journal of the meeting of Monday,
10 January 7, 2008 stand approved.

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 ayes have it, and the Journal of the
19 meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008 is
20 approved.

21 The next order of business is
22 requests for leave of absence, and the
23 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. On behalf of the
3 majority, a leave of absence is requested
4 for Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you. Leave will be granted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
10 President, at this point I don't believe
11 the republicans have any requests for
12 leave of absence, but I'll check back in
13 the event that changes.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair thanks the gentleman.

16 The Chair will dispense with
17 the regular order of business to
18 recognize the guests and visitors joining
19 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
20 of all members of City Council, I welcome
21 you to our Council session. We
22 appreciate your taking the time to join
23 us as we attend to the legislative
24 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
25 you to come again.

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2 At this time, it gives me great
3 pleasure to introduce three new
4 Councilmembers to our legislative body:
5 Councilman Bill Green, Councilman Curtis
6 Jones, Jr. and Councilwoman Maria
7 Quinones-Sanchez.

8 Welcome.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At
11 this time, the Chair recognizes
12 Councilman Rizzo, who will present a
13 resolution recognizing James E. Tiano.

14 Will Mr. Tiano and those
15 accompanying him please join the
16 Councilman at the podium.

17 I see that Councilman Rizzo is
18 being joined by Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good
20 morning, everyone. Before I read the
21 official resolution, I want to introduce
22 Mr. Tiano, James E. Tiano, the father of
23 Chief Inspector James Tiano.

24 Just to give you a little bit
25 of background, when Jimmy Binns created

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2 the Police Plaque Ceremony to recognize
3 all of the fallen officers that have died
4 in the line of duty, there's plaques all
5 throughout the City and there will be
6 many, many more to come, and hopefully no
7 future officers will be killed, but we
8 wanted to recognize all of the officers
9 that have ever been killed in the line of
10 duty. And Mr. Tiano did something very,
11 very significant. Every year, every time
12 there is a plaque ceremony, Mr. Tiano
13 makes sure that the flowers for the
14 actual ceremony are there, the corsages.
15 Everything that is needed he has taken
16 out of his pocket and made sure that he
17 personally is at every plaque ceremony.
18 So when I heard about that, I said to his
19 son, Chief Tiano, I said we really need
20 to recognize his father for this great
21 effort.

22 Whereas, in June 1942, James
23 Tiano was inducted into the Army in the
24 midst of World War II, assigned to
25 England in March of 1944, sent to France

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2 in October 1944, and was captured by the
3 enemy in November of 1944;

4 Whereas, as a prisoner of war,
5 James Tiano suffered through the cold of
6 winter without proper clothing,
7 nourishment and under extreme adverse
8 conditions, all the while worrying about
9 his family back home, his wife and mother
10 and two young sons;

11 Whereas, James Tiano was
12 liberated in May of 1945, having survived
13 difficult and life-threatening
14 circumstances, and witnessed the deaths
15 of many of his fellow soldiers and felt
16 great sorrow at their loss and compassion
17 for their families; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: And
19 whereas, James E. Tiano returned to his
20 loving family in peacetime, but never
21 forgot the sorrow and compassion
22 experienced in wartime;

23 Whereas, James E. Tiano has
24 transferred those feelings of sorrow and
25 compassion to the Philadelphia police and

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2 firefighters who have lost their lives in
3 the line of duty, and their families; and

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Whereas,
5 James Tiano has, therefore, out of an
6 abundance of generosity and kindness
7 donated all of the flowers, floral
8 arrangements, corsages and individual
9 roses for the plaque-laying ceremonies
10 honoring our fallen heroes here in
11 Philadelphia; and

12 Whereas, the City of
13 Philadelphia appreciates the sacrifice in
14 wartime and generosity in peacetime of a
15 great Philadelphian, James E. Tiano. Now
16 therefore

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Resolved, by
18 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
19 that it recognizes, honors and
20 congratulates James E. Tiano for service
21 to his country in wartime and service to
22 his city in peacetime.

23 Further resolved, that an
24 engrossed copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Mr. Tiano, further

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2 evidencing the sincere admiration and
3 gratitude of this legislative body.

4 Mr. Tiano, all I can say, that
5 all Philadelphians appreciate what you
6 do. You see all your friends here that
7 want to honor you today. And we're all
8 so proud of your son, Chief Inspector
9 Tiano.

10 So, again, thanks for this, and
11 I'll see you at the next plaque ceremony.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Mr. Tiano for remarks.

15 MR. TIANO: I wish to thank
16 everyone, and I'm proud to receive this
17 award.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Ladies and
20 gentlemen, Mr. Tiano's son, Chief
21 Inspector James Tiano, Philadelphia
22 Police Department.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHIEF INSPECTOR TIANO: The
25 family really appreciates this award. My

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2 mom is very ill. My dad has been seven
3 days a week at the nursing home visiting
4 her. I know this award will warm his
5 heart up. And he told me that if
6 something happened to him, he was leaving
7 money to continue this program. So
8 that's the kind of guy my dad is.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 noise level is much too high. Those
16 having conversations, please do so in the
17 corridor. Thank you.

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilwoman Brown, who will present a
20 resolution honoring the African American
21 Children's Book Project.

22 I ask Ms. Vanesse Lloyd
23 Sgambati and those accompanying her to
24 please join the Councilwoman at the
25 podium.

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2 And I see that Councilwoman
3 Sanchez is accompanying Councilwoman
4 Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 I'm pleased once again to bring
8 to everyone the founder of the African
9 American Children's Book Fair. And let
10 the record reflect that because of
11 Vanesse Lloyd Sgambati's generosity, all
12 the members of Philadelphia City Council
13 will be receiving one of the books
14 written by these fabulous authors before
15 us.

16 Whereas, for 16 years, the
17 African American Children's Book Fair is
18 one of the largest and oldest in the
19 nation and has enhanced multi-culturalism
20 in our City utilizing the joy of reading
21 as a tool; and

22 Whereas, the importance of book
23 fairs cannot be understated, for many of
24 our youth use reading to better know the
25 world around them and use books to help

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2 them develop into well-educated adults;
3 and

4 Whereas, one of the most
5 important reasons to encourage reading in
6 our children is that studies show that
7 the more our youth read, the more likely
8 they are to make positive life-style
9 decisions as they grow older; and

10 Whereas, strictly judging by
11 attendance, the fair -- I should mention
12 parenthetically is hosted by the
13 Community College of Philadelphia -- is a
14 tremendous success, as well over 4,500
15 people attended the fair last year. They
16 stand in line all day to get into this
17 book fair at Community College.

18 Whereas, rich or poor, no one
19 leaves empty-handed as posters, book
20 markers, raffle books are distributed
21 free of charge to attendees; and

22 Whereas, the books themselves
23 are priced at a level where they are more
24 affordable than many of the bookstores in
25 the region; and

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2 Whereas, many of the authors
3 and illustrators are always in attendance
4 as well as local celebrities to further
5 enhance the excitement and vibrancy that
6 the book fair exudes; and

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
8 one of the esteemed individuals in
9 attendance will be freelance writer and
10 attorney Charisse Carney-Nunes, who is
11 the founder of Brand Nu Words, a new
12 media company dedicated to publishing
13 uniquely artistic and digital books for
14 children and families. She is also the
15 author of two books: "I Dream For You A
16 World: A Covenant For Our Children" and
17 "Nappy"; and

18 Whereas, Gerald Purnell, cover
19 illustrator for the acclaimed Blueford
20 Series of Townsend Press that has
21 received numerous awards and honors, will
22 be in attendance, showing his powerful
23 artwork on display in "I Am Color, Too,"
24 a book that demonstrates his talented
25 work as a visionary and artistic

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2 literature for the young; and

3 Whereas, the fair is also lucky
4 to host Nancy Devard, a versatile artist
5 born and raised in Philadelphia, whose
6 illustrations are featured in the trade
7 picture book entitled "The Secret Olivia
8 Told Me," a book containing pictures and
9 stories about African Americans that
10 carry messages and enjoyment for young
11 and old alike; and

12 Whereas, the 16th Annual
13 African American Book Fair will be held
14 free of charge on Saturday, February 2nd
15 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the gymnasium
16 of the Community College of Philadelphia,
17 located at 17th and Spring Garden. Now
18 therefore

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
20 by the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor the
22 African American Children's Book Project
23 on the occasion and celebration of the
24 Annual African American Children's Book
25 Fair.

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2 every year you just roll those G's on my
3 name. Paisan.

4 But thank you also, Council,
5 for acknowledging the efforts of the
6 African American Children's Book Project.

7 As founder of the organization,
8 my mission has never changed, to get
9 books into the hands of children that
10 reflect positive images of themselves and
11 encourage the love of reading. The
12 African American Children's Book Fair is
13 one of the largest and the oldest
14 single-day event for children's books
15 that has been held first Saturday in
16 February for the past 16 years. There's
17 no singing or dancing. Over 4,500 people
18 came for one purpose, for the love of
19 books. And it grows each year.

20 And the community understands
21 the importance of books, not just
22 reading. People from all walks of life
23 come to the book fair to meet and greet
24 award-winning authors and illustrators
25 from across the nation. In fact, we have

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2 30 authors and illustrators participating
3 in the event this year. And the three
4 who are being honored today, Nancy
5 Devard, who recently received the coveted
6 American Library Association Coretta
7 Scott King honor for her first hard cover
8 book -- it is a major honor. It's like
9 the Grammy's, the Academy Awards in the
10 children's book world. "The Secret
11 Olivia Told Me" won, and the publisher of
12 that book, Wade Hudson, is in the
13 audience today. Gerald Purnell, who
14 could not be here today and who is
15 represented by his mother, who showed
16 through his illustration that color does
17 not define a person. And Charisse
18 Carney-Nunes, whose books plant the seeds
19 for our children to become productive
20 citizens.

21 These are people who have
22 stepped out of their daily lives to write
23 books that will empower, enlighten and
24 encourage our children.

25 I hope that you will come next

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2 Saturday, February the 2nd, 1:00 to 3:00
3 p.m. Our slogan this year is "A Book
4 Opens Up A World Of Opportunity." Avail
5 yourself of that opportunity, and thank
6 you so much.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. DEVARD: My name is Nancy
9 Devard and I'm the illustrator of "The
10 Secret Olivia Told Me," and I had the joy
11 of actually going to this book fair, the
12 African American Children's Book Fair, in
13 2005, and that's actually how I got to
14 meet Wade and Cheryl Hudson. And had I
15 not made that contact, I probably would
16 have not had this book and made this
17 award. It would have never happened. So
18 I am so thrilled to Vanesse Lloyd and the
19 organizers of the book fair that they
20 just made this opportunity possible for
21 me.

22 I'd like to thank Councilwoman
23 Brown and Councilwoman Sanchez for this
24 citation, for the award ceremony. Thank
25 you very much.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MS. PURNELL: On behalf of my
4 son, Gerald Purnell, who is in Chicago
5 this morning -- I took him to the
6 airport -- I just want to thank everybody
7 for nominating Gerald, and I just want to
8 thank you again, and God bless you all.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CARNEY-NUNES: Good
11 morning. My name is Charisse
12 Carney-Nunes and this is my book, "I
13 Dream For You A World," and it is all
14 about the kind of world that I dream
15 about for my children, but, more
16 importantly, I want to teach my children
17 and your children to dream for
18 themselves, and that's what I spend my
19 life doing.

20 I'd like to thank the City of
21 Philadelphia, Councilwoman Blondell
22 Reynolds Brown and Councilwoman Sanchez.
23 Thank you so much for this honor. I'm a
24 graduate of Lincoln University, so I've
25 got lots of contacts. I love

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2 Philadelphia. And I'd like to thank
3 Vanesse Lloyd Sgambati, because if it
4 were not for people like Vanesse, we
5 would so often forget that we've got to
6 stop and pause and remember in our noisy
7 world to take time to speak to children,
8 because they are -- one of my favorite
9 sayings is that they're less than 50
10 percent of our population, but they are
11 100 percent of our future.

12 So thank you, Vanesse. Thank
13 the City of Philadelphia and the African
14 American Book Project.

15 Thank you so much.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

22 The noise level is much too
23 high.

24 Councilwoman Miller is being
25 accompanied by Councilmembers Clarke,

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2 Jones and Greenlee, who will present a
3 resolution recognizing the Violence Free
4 Alliance.

5 Will Ms. Gail Inderwies and
6 those accompanying her please join the
7 Councilmembers at the podium.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
11 you, Madam President.

12 Good morning, everyone. It is
13 our pleasure to recognize and honor the
14 Violence Free Alliance.

15 Recognizing, honoring and
16 celebrating the Violence Free Alliance,
17 VFA, for their vision that through a
18 collaboration of diverse organizations
19 dedicated to addressing the current
20 entrenched epidemic of violence in the
21 City of Philadelphia and by implementing
22 a comprehensive long-term, multi-faceted
23 approach strong enough to ultimately
24 create neighborhoods of living hope.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,

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2 the Violence Free Alliance started with
3 the vision that through a collaborative
4 public health approach to addressing
5 youth violence, positive seeds of change
6 can be planted in every community; and

7 Whereas, Violence Free Alliance
8 has grown into a strong force of diverse
9 organizations ranging from healthcare
10 providers, the business community,
11 educational institutions, faith-based
12 organizations, advocacy groups, community
13 development organizations, anti-violence
14 organizations, public service
15 organizations, the state, federal and
16 local government agencies; and

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
18 violence in Philadelphia remains an
19 epidemic of paramount proportions
20 requiring a long-term, multi-faceted
21 approach addressing at-risk youths and
22 those who have already committed crimes;
23 and

24 Whereas, Philadelphia's
25 challenges that contribute to violence

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2 can be overcome through sound public
3 health policy, emphasizing primary
4 prevention, health promotion programs,
5 conflict resolution and advocacy,
6 supported by secondary anti-violence
7 programs and tertiary interventions,
8 counseling, behavioral and environmental
9 interventions; and

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
11 members of the Violence Free Alliance can
12 help to reshape the future of those that
13 feel they are no longer part of our
14 society and are hopeless, by nurturing
15 neighborhoods back to health, supporting
16 programs that work, exposing immediately
17 and purging programs that have not been
18 effective and be facilitators for change
19 by fostering collaboration of all
20 stakeholders in creating and maintaining
21 strong bonds within our community; and

22 Whereas, this is no small task,
23 but rather the first step in a long
24 journey, one which will take the
25 dedication, courage, conviction and

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2 commitment of the community at large to
3 reach out and take a concerted
4 non-partisan effort at reshaping
5 neighborhoods of living hope.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Resolved,
7 by the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, that City Council hereby
9 recognize, honor and celebrate the
10 Violence Free Alliance, VFA, for their
11 vision that through a collaboration of
12 diverse organizations dedicated to
13 addressing the current entrenched
14 epidemic of violence in the City of
15 Philadelphia and by implementing a
16 comprehensive long-term, multi-faceted
17 approach strong enough to ultimately
18 create neighborhoods of living hope.

19 Further resolved, that an
20 engrossed copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Gail Inderwies, Violence
22 Free Alliance, as further evidencing the
23 sincere admiration and gratitude of this
24 legislative body.

25 This is a true and correct copy

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2 of the original resolution, adopted by
3 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
4 on the 13th day of December 2007. Signed
5 by Anna C. Verna, President of City
6 Council. Introduced by Donna Reed Miller
7 and co-sponsored by all members of City
8 Council.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Ms. Inderwies for
12 remarks.

13 MS. INDERWIES: Thank you very
14 much. I am most honored to be here
15 today, and thank the Council for
16 recognizing this group. This group is
17 actually a representation of numerous
18 people from the Philadelphia, Montgomery
19 County. We have a Senator's office here
20 today. And just very quickly, today is
21 the anniversary -- 13 years ago, the
22 General Assembly was presented this book.
23 It's almost to the day. It was January
24 23rd. The title is The Cost of Juvenile
25 Violence in Pennsylvania, Staff Report on

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2 the Task Force to Study the Issues
3 Surrounding Violence As a Public Health
4 Concern.

5 Last May, a nurse I worked with
6 when I first came to Philadelphia, which
7 is 32 years ago -- I came here because of
8 the quality of life, I wanted to go to
9 Penn and I was all charged up, and I'd go
10 out to dinner and be out all night long.
11 It was a safe place to be. I have chosen
12 to work in probably the most
13 disenfranchised communities in
14 Philadelphia and I've loved every minute
15 of it. I have never felt fear. I've
16 never seen fear in the nurses' faces or
17 my aides.

18 Last May, a nurse that I
19 started out with was brutally beaten in
20 Philadelphia while going to do a call for
21 a mother.

22 September 18th of this year, my
23 first vacation in years, I got a phone
24 call, my employee is in the hospital.
25 She got shot. On her way home after

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2 running a bereavement group, because now
3 I run a hospice and a home care, her
4 mother heard this on the cell phone that
5 somebody hollered, Shoot her, shoot her.
6 Her mother lived in Ohio.

7 All of you in this room or most
8 of you are maybe parents, know children
9 or have parents or understand what that
10 may mean to possibly lose a child. Thank
11 God she lived. That was the insurgence,
12 the spark. And the other spark was is
13 that, quite frankly, this is America.
14 Every child has a right to a good
15 education. Every child has a right to go
16 home and have food on their table at
17 night. And every child has a right for
18 every one of us as a village to help a
19 community.

20 I believe in Council. I
21 believe in our good Mayor, who is now
22 starting, that we all are a part of the
23 solution or a part of the problem. I am
24 hoping everyone in this room but every
25 person that hears this gets involved. If

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2 it's not with us, it's with somebody
3 else. I do hope, though, we make it as a
4 non-partisan effort, that everybody tries
5 to work it together, because some days
6 since I started this campaign, it's like
7 herding a bunch of cats together. And
8 it's not about money. It's not about
9 people being right. It is about the fact
10 that in this time period, if I look back
11 when this was written, 13 years ago, for
12 you finance people in the room, it cost
13 the state \$5.6 billion for juvenile
14 violence. If we took one billion of
15 those dollars and put it towards juvenile
16 violence, we wouldn't have to put people
17 in prisons.

18 We need to fix the problem of
19 prisons. We need to fix the problems of
20 education. We need to fix the problems
21 of mentoring, and we need to start as
22 adults beginning to give hope back to
23 every child in the City, even those
24 children who are not on our radar.

25 I do not live in Philadelphia.

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2 I live in Montgomery County now. I lived
3 in Philadelphia for 30 years, almost 30
4 years. The bottom line is, I'm here
5 today because I believe in Philadelphia
6 and I believe in all of you.

7 So I want to thank you all
8 again, and I'm going to shut up, because
9 I'm Italian, I go on too much, but I have
10 a few people I'd like to make a few
11 remarks.

12 Susan, could you please come up
13 first.

14 Susan Segal from Arlen
15 Specter's office.

16 MS. SEGAL: I just have a
17 little note here from Senator Specter to
18 the Violence Free Alliance.

19 "Dear Friends, I have been
20 informed that your organization is being
21 honored by Philadelphia City Council.
22 This recognition for your efforts towards
23 a violence free Philadelphia is a great
24 honor.

25 "As well you know, there is a

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2 wave of violence in the City that must be
3 stopped. With your continued hard work
4 in this field, the Philadelphia of
5 tomorrow will be a safer environment for
6 generations to come.

7 "Once again, congratulations
8 and keep up the good work. Sincerely,
9 Arlen Specter."

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. JOHNSON: Hi. I'm Darren
12 Johnson with AmeriChoice Pennsylvania,
13 and AmeriChoice has taken the opportunity
14 to step up on this event because we know
15 that violence is just not for what's
16 happening out in the street. It impacts
17 our employees. It impacts our members.
18 And Gail being one of our vendors and her
19 employees, it impacts everybody, and
20 we're here to do our part, and we thank
21 you for doing your part.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. INDERWIES: In closing,
24 there's a lot of people here today who
25 are business people, a lot of healthcare

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2 people. I want to thank AmeriChoice
3 also, Keystone Mercy. All three of the
4 major managed care plans stepped to the
5 plate on this because they felt it was
6 costing them money. It's costing me
7 money as an employer. I employ 140
8 people. Most of them live in
9 Philadelphia. Most of them every day
10 have to deal with violence before they go
11 take care of somebody who is dying.

12 This has got to change, guys,
13 and I know you know what I mean. And
14 this is a business problem because it's
15 an economic problem for all of us. It is
16 also a health problem. And I believe
17 that when we look at this, we cannot 13
18 years from now be talking about how it's
19 a public health policy problem and not do
20 anything about it.

21 So God bless you all. Thank
22 you very much, and I'll shut up now.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
24 we thank all of you. Thank you so much
25 for all that you do. Thank you.

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Applause.)

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 next order of business is communications.
7 The Chair requests that the
8 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
9 the Chief Clerk.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the messages from the Mayor.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
15 for the introduction and consideration of
16 your honorable body a proposed
17 resolution, entitled "Resolution
18 proposing an amendment to the
19 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
20 separate and further define the
21 responsibilities of the City
22 Representative and the Commerce
23 Department, and providing for the
24 submission of the amendment to the
25 electors of Philadelphia"; and

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2 A resolution proposing an
3 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
4 Charter to provide for the creation of
5 the Office of Inspector General, to
6 provide for the powers and duties of, and
7 annual appropriations to, such office, to
8 establish requirements for City officials
9 and employees in connection with the work
10 of the Inspector General, and to
11 otherwise provide for the incorporation
12 of the Inspector General into City
13 government; and

14 A resolution confirming the
15 appointment of Kenya Mann, Esquire, as a
16 member of the Board of Ethics, to serve
17 in the term ending November 16, 2008; and

18 A resolution confirming the
19 appointment of Shelley R. Smith, Esquire,
20 as City Solicitor; and

21 A resolution proposing an
22 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
23 Charter to allow the Administrative Board
24 to increase the number of deputies exempt
25 from civil service in City departments,

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2 and providing for the submission of the
3 amendment to the electors of
4 Philadelphia; and

5 An ordinance providing for the
6 submission to the qualified electors of
7 the City of Philadelphia of an amendment
8 to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
9 provide for the creation of an Office of
10 Inspector General, to provide for the
11 powers and duties of, and annual
12 appropriations to, such office, to
13 establish requirements for City officials
14 and employees in connection with the work
15 of the Inspector General; and

16 An ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
18 Year 2008 within the Grants Revenue Fund
19 from the Director of Finance - Provision
20 for other grants to the Police
21 Department, the Law Department and the
22 City Commissioners; and

23 An ordinance authorizing
24 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
25 Year 2008 from the General Fund, certain

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2 or all City offices, departments, boards
3 and commissions and from the Grants
4 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
5 Provision for other grants to the General
6 Fund, certain or all City offices,
7 departments, boards and commissions; and

8 An ordinance amending Chapter
9 20-300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
10 "Compensation," by revising the ranges of
11 salaries the Mayor may specify for
12 certain appointed City officers; and

13 An ordinance providing for the
14 submission to the qualified electors of
15 the City of Philadelphia of an amendment
16 to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
17 allow the Administrative Board to
18 increase the number of deputies exempt
19 from civil service in City departments;
20 and

21 An ordinance providing for the
22 submission to the qualified electors of
23 the City of Philadelphia of an amendment
24 to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
25 separating and further defining the

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2 responsibilities of the City

3 Representative and the Commerce

4 Department.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you. The messages will be printed in the
7 Journal.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read any other communications in her
10 possession.

11 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
12 have, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The next order of business is
16 the introduction of bills and
17 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
18 Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I offer two bills and
21 two resolutions. The first resolution is
22 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Krajewski.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the first bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 20-101 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Residence
6 Requirements," by providing that certain
7 employees in the civil service need not
8 be a bona fide resident of the City when
9 appointed, but must establish and
10 maintain bona fide residence in the City
11 within six months after appointment.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Section 9-605 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing," by
18 requiring that every person licensed to
19 engage in the business of towing vehicles
20 to accept credit cards and debit cards in
21 payment of towing and other charges,
22 under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
24 bill will be referred to the appropriate
25 committee.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing the joint Committees on
4 Public Safety and Public Works and Public
5 Property to hold public hearings to
6 explore alternative sites for the
7 Philadelphia Prison Department's training
8 facility.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for
13 the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the resolution be adopted.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 expressing support for the City of
4 Philadelphia's grant application for the
5 Department of Energy'S Solar America
6 Initiative Market Transformation: Solar
7 City Strategic Partnership.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
9 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
12 adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded that
16 the resolution be adopted.

17 All in favor will indicate by
18 saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
6 no bills or resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Greenlee.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you, Madam President. I offer four bills
13 and three resolutions. For the record,
14 three of the bills and three resolutions
15 are at the request of the Administration.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title of the first bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Title 13 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Water and Sewer," by
23 adding a new Chapter regarding
24 termination of water and sewer service
25 and prohibiting the termination of such

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2 service on certain days, all under
3 certain terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 bill will be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 providing for the submission to the
9 qualified electors of the City of
10 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
11 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter separating
12 and further defining the responsibilities
13 of the City Representative and the
14 Commerce Department.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 bill will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 providing for the submission of the
20 qualified electors of the City of
21 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
22 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
23 for the creation of an Office of
24 Inspector General, to provide for the
25 powers and duties of, the annual

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2 appropriations to such office, and to
3 establish requirement for City officials
4 and employees in connection with the work
5 of the Inspector General.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 bill will be referred to the appropriate
8 committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 providing for the submission to the
11 qualified electors of the City of
12 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
13 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow
14 the Administrative Board to increase the
15 number of deputies exempt from civil
16 service in City departments.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 bill will be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 proposing an amendment to the
22 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
23 separate and further define the
24 responsibilities of the City
25 Representative and the Commerce

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2 Department.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 resolution will be referred to the
5 appropriate committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 proposing an amendment to the
8 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
9 for the creation of the Office of
10 Inspector General.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 resolution will be referred to the
13 appropriate committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 proposing an amendment to the
16 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow
17 the Administrative Board to increase the
18 number of deputies exempt from civil
19 service in City departments.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
21 resolution will also be referred to the
22 appropriate committee, and the Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
25 you, Madam President. I offer two bills

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2 and I also intended to introduce a
3 resolution sponsored by you and
4 Councilman Kenney, but at the request of
5 the Mayor, I'm willing to hold this until
6 we meet with the Mayor and the Fire
7 Department to discuss this terrible
8 tragedy on EMS, the response time.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you very much.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title of the bill.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing transfers in appropriations
15 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Grants
16 Fund from the Director of Finance -
17 Provision for other grants to the Police
18 Department.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing transfers in appropriations
24 for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General
25 Fund, certain or all City offices,

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2 departments, boards and commissions and
3 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the
4 Director of Finance - Provision for other
5 grants to the General Fund, certain or
6 all City offices, departments, boards and
7 commissions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 bill will be referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 The Chair at this time
12 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Madam President, I
15 offer two bills on behalf of Councilman
16 DiCicco. I offer six resolutions on my
17 behalf and four bills on my behalf.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do
19 you have any resolutions?

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I have six
21 resolutions, Tasco resolutions, four
22 bills and two bills for Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title of the first bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Subcode "PM" of Title 4 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
7 Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code,"
8 by amending Section PM-303, entitled
9 "General Property and Structural
10 Maintenance."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 bill will be referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Chapter 20-300 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Compensation," by revising the ranges of
18 salaries the Mayor may specify for
19 certain appointed City officers.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 bill will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Subcode "PM" of The Philadelphia
25 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Property

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2 Maintenance Code," by amending Section
3 PM-102, entitled "Licensing," to amend
4 the requirements for identifying the
5 local agent for service of notices and
6 process.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
13 Trades and Professions," by adding a
14 section requiring property managers and
15 managing agents to provide the City with
16 certain information in connection with
17 the properties they manage and for which
18 they serve as managing agents, all under
19 certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
21 bill will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
25 changing the zoning designations of

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2 certain areas of land located within an
3 area bounded by Christopher Columbus
4 Boulevard, Reed Street, the Delaware
5 River and Tasker Street.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 bill will be referred to the appropriate
8 committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 approving the Plan of Development for a
11 Commercial Entertainment District in the
12 area generally bounded by former Reed
13 Street, Tasker Street, Christopher
14 Columbus Boulevard and the Delaware
15 River.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
17 bill will also be referred to the
18 appropriate committee.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing the Philadelphia
21 Redevelopment Authority to use NTI bond
22 proceeds for the acquisition of 2502-2506
23 Cheltenham Avenue, under certain terms
24 and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
3 motion on the resolution.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
5 President, I move for the adoption of the
6 resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the resolution be adopted.

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 ayes have it and the resolution is
19 adopted.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 confirming the appointment of Shelley R.
22 Smith, Esquire, as City Solicitor.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 resolution will be referred to the
25 appropriate committee.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 appointing Councilmembers Marian Tasco
4 and Curtis Jones to the Philadelphia Gas
5 Commission.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
9 the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded that
13 the resolution be adopted.

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 ayes have it and the resolution is
21 adopted.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 confirming the appointment of Kenya Mann,
24 Esquire, as a member of the Board of
25 Ethics, to serve in the term ending

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2 November 16, 2008.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 resolution will be referred to the
5 appropriate committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 honoring Philadelphia Police Officer John
8 W. Kenner on his retirement.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
12 the adoption of the resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
14 hear a second?

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
17 has been moved and properly seconded that
18 the resolution be adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 ayes have it and the resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing City Council's Committee of
5 the Whole to hold public hearings to make
6 inquiries and investigations relating to
7 the City's Deferred Retirement Option
8 Plan, and further authorizing the
9 Committee to employ and fix the
10 compensation of experts to assist the
11 Committee in its inquiry and
12 investigation and to cooperate with the
13 Administration in any current or future
14 studies of the impact of the DROP.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
18 President, I move for the adoption of the
19 resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the resolution be adopted.

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the resolution is
8 adopted.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
12 you, Madam President, and good morning.
13 Today I offer four bills and one
14 resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the title of the resolution -- I'm
19 sorry; the title of the first bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
23 adding a new section to prohibit the
24 possession or acquisition of firearms by
25 persons charged with certain criminal

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2 offenses, during the pendency of such
3 charges, under certain terms and
4 conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
11 adding a new section, entitled
12 "Acquisition or Transfer of Firearms," to
13 regulate the acquiring or transferring of
14 any firearm within the City of
15 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 bill will be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
23 adding a new section, entitled "Temporary
24 Removal of Firearms of Persons Posing a
25 Risk of Imminent Personal Injury to Self

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2 or Others."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 bill will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
9 adding a new section, entitled
10 "Prohibited Possession, Sale and Transfer
11 of Firearms by Persons Subject to
12 Protection from Abuse Orders."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 proclaiming January 2008 as "National
18 Mentoring Month."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
22 for the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
25 has been moved and properly seconded that

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it and the resolution is
10 adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Good
14 morning, Madam President. I offer up one
15 bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title of the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Bill No. 070263, approved
22 September 20, 2007, entitled "An
23 ordinance authorizing Northern Star
24 Developments, Eiker Road, Cranberry, New
25 Jersey, owner of the property at 1617

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2 North 2nd Street, to construct, own and
3 maintain multi-level bays and balconies
4 as part of the Oxford Mews residential
5 development project, under certain terms
6 and conditions."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam
13 President, I offer up one bill
14 co-sponsored by Maria Quinones-Sanchez
15 and Curtis Jones and one resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title of the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Public Employees
23 Retirement Code," to make elected
24 officials ineligible to participate in
25 the Deferred Retirement Option Plan,

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2 DROP, all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 bill will be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Committee on Labor and
9 Civil Service to hold hearings to examine
10 the state of the City of Philadelphia's
11 Municipal Retirement System, including
12 the Pension System's plan entitlements,
13 contributions and investment strategies
14 and to prepare a report making
15 recommendations to ensure the fiscal
16 stability of the Pension System.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair again recognizes Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I move for
20 the adoption of the resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
22 hear a second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
25 has been moved and properly seconded that

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it and the resolution will be
10 referred to the appropriate committee.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
14 morning, Madam President. I have two
15 resolutions, one on behalf of the
16 Administration.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the title of the first resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
23 Property to execute and deliver to the
24 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
25 the 4th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
5 the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and properly seconded that
9 the resolution be adopted.

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it and the resolution is
17 adopted.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 celebrating the life of Nelson Williams
20 and honoring his contribution to the
21 Wynnefield community and to Philadelphia
22 youth.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move that

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
5 has been moved and properly seconded that
6 the resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 ayes have it and the resolution is
14 adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer three bills and
19 two resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the title of the first bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Chapter 17-1300 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 "Philadelphia's 21st Century Minimum Wage
4 Standard," by amending the minimum wage
5 standard that regulates the wages
6 employers subject to that Chapter must
7 pay to employees covered by that Chapter,
8 and by requiring such employers to
9 provide certain benefits to such
10 employees, all under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Section 19-2604 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
18 credits and alternative tax computation
19 for the business privilege tax, by
20 reducing certain tax rates; all under
21 certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
23 bill will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Chapter 17-1500 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Annual
4 Disparity Study and Participation Goals,"
5 by requiring certain additional
6 information to be included in the Finance
7 Director's required annual report, under
8 certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
14 Economic Development to hold hearings to
15 review the annual City contract
16 participation goals released by the
17 Finance Department pursuant to Title 17
18 of The Philadelphia Code.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 1/24/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.
5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it and the resolution will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 calling on the Office of Labor Standards,
14 or any other office designated by the
15 Office of the Mayor, to convene the
16 Living Wage Advisory Committee pursuant
17 to 17-1311 of The Philadelphia Code, to
18 review the implementation and
19 effectiveness of Chapter 17-1300 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "Philadelphia's 21st Century Minimum Wage
22 Standard," and to make recommendations to
23 City Council before June 30, 2008.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move for the
6 adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the resolution be adopted.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the resolution is
18 adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I offer three bills and
23 four resolutions. And I might say for
24 the record that the top bill is a
25 reintroduction of a bill calling for the

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2 professional certification of tour
3 guides.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of the first bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Chapter 9-200 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
11 Activities on Streets," by adding a new
12 section providing for the certification
13 of tour guides in certain areas of the
14 City, establishing requirements for such
15 certification, and providing for
16 penalties for violations, all under
17 certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 bill will be referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending Chapter 17-100 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Procurement
24 Contracts," by adding a new section,
25 providing that any contract for the

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2 construction, extension or major
3 renovation of certain buildings, paid for
4 with public funds, contain a provision
5 requiring the contractor to certify that
6 a certain level in energy and design
7 efficiency will be achieved, in
8 accordance with the Leadership in Energy
9 and Environmental Design Rating System,
10 or equivalent standards that will be met,
11 requiring LEED certified professionals,
12 and by providing for penalties, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 bill will be referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Chapter 9-3100 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of
20 Mercury in Dentistry," by requiring
21 dental offices to install, operate and
22 maintain separator systems that permit
23 the recycling of mercury waste, adding
24 definitions and making certain technical
25 changes, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 bill will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 honoring and commending the legendary
8 songwriter and production team Kenneth
9 Gamble and Leon Huff on their induction
10 into the 2008 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the
15 adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and properly seconded that
19 the resolution be adopted.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 authorizing City Council's Committee on
6 the Environment and on Transportation and
7 Utilities to hold joint public hearings
8 to investigate the steps the City of
9 Philadelphia and its various departments
10 are currently taking and are planning to
11 take to investigate the creation of a
12 Public Use Bicycle Program as an
13 additional method of urban transportation
14 to enhance the personal mobility of
15 Philadelphia residents and workers.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the
20 adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and properly seconded that
24 the resolution be adopted.

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the resolution will be
8 referred to the appropriate committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Committee on Education to
11 investigate and conduct hearings on how
12 to increase the number of Philadelphia
13 high school students who attain an
14 education beyond a high school diploma
15 and to examine reported studies and data
16 regarding the high school dropout rate
17 among public school students prior to
18 graduation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 1/24/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.
5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it and the resolution will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 honoring the African American Children's
14 Book Project on the occasion of the
15 Annual African American Children's Book
16 Fair.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move for the
21 adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the resolution be adopted.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
13 President, I offer three bills.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chief Clerk will read the
17 title of the first bill.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the vacating of Byberry and
20 Bensalem Road from Southampton Road to
21 the Philadelphia and Bucks County Line
22 and the vacating of Burling Avenue from
23 the Roosevelt Boulevard to a dead end
24 approximately 3,900 feet southeast of the
25 Roosevelt Boulevard, under certain terms

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2 and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 bill will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 authorizing the paving of St. Thomas
8 Drive, under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
11 bill will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 authorizing the paving of Cates Way,
15 under certain terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 bill will be referred to the appropriate
18 committee.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I have six bills and
23 two resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title of the first bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
7 adding a new Section 10-834, entitled
8 "Sale or Transfer of Ammunition," to
9 require all sales of ammunition for
10 firearms to be reported to the City of
11 Philadelphia Police Department and to
12 require that Department to maintain a
13 registry of such reports; all under
14 certain terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 bill will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
21 adding a new Section 10-831, entitled
22 "Straw and Multiple Handgun Purchase
23 Reduction," to limit purchases of
24 handguns by Philadelphia residents to one
25 a month, and to prohibit "straw

1 1/24/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 purchases" of handguns utilized by
3 criminals for the purpose of evading the
4 one handgun a month limitation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled, "Safety," by
11 adding a new section, entitled "Reporting
12 Requirements Upon the Application for or
13 Renewal of a License to Carry a Firearm,"
14 to provide for certain reporting
15 requirements for the issuance or renewal
16 of licenses to carry firearms within the
17 City of Philadelphia; all under certain
18 terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 amending Section 10-800 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
25 adding a new Section 10-821a, entitled

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2 "Contraband Weapons, Accessories and
3 Ammunition," providing for the
4 prohibition and registration of certain
5 assault weapons and imposing penalties.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 bill will be referred to the appropriate
8 committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
12 adding a new section, entitled "Failure
13 to Report Lost or Stolen Firearms," by
14 requiring prompt notification of lost or
15 stolen firearms and imposing penalties.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 bill will be referred to the appropriate
18 committee.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing City Council's Committee on
21 Public Property and Public Works to hold
22 public hearings on the development and
23 implementation of public and private
24 strategies for the renovation and use of
25 the underutilized areas of City Hall.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
5 the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and properly seconded that
9 the resolution be adopted.

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it and the resolution will be
17 referred to the appropriate committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property to execute and deliver to the
21 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
22 the 32nd Ward of the City of
23 Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
3 the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and properly seconded that
7 the resolution be adopted.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it and the resolution is
15 adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kelly.

18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Madam
19 President, I offer two resolutions, which
20 are co-sponsored by Councilman Green.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title of the first resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

1 1/24/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 recognizing novelist Ken Bruen as the
3 first recipient of the David L. Goodis
4 Award.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for
8 the adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the resolution be adopted.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the resolution is
20 adopted.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 welcoming NoirCon to Philadelphia,
23 Pennsylvania.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

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2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for
3 the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and seconded that the
7 resolution be adopted.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it and the resolution is
15 adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. Madam President, I have
20 one resolution co-sponsored by President
21 Anna Verna and Majority Whip Darrell
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

1 1/24/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 read the title of the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 recognizing, honoring and celebrating the
5 Center City Residents' Association on the
6 occasion of their 60-year anniversary of
7 excellence in civic leadership, vision
8 and activism.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
12 President, I move for the adoption of
13 this resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the resolution be adopted.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

1 1/24/08 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 We have neither reports from
3 committees nor bills on the First or
4 Second Reading Calendar today.

5 I would ask are there any
6 speeches on the part of the minority?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
9 there speeches on the part of the
10 majority?

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
14 President, I do not have a speech. I do
15 have an announcement.

16 This year we will be
17 celebrating ten years of the annual Women
18 Making a Difference celebration and
19 tomorrow we will be announcing our
20 tenth-year anniversary awardees. So all
21 members of Philadelphia City Council
22 and/or their staff designees are welcome
23 to join us at the Newman Galleries, a
24 fifth-generation art gallery here in our
25 City, located at 1625 Walnut Street.

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2 naming their school in his honor. We're
3 grateful to have the West Philadelphia
4 Regional Library now called the Lucien E.
5 Blackwell Regional Library. Just this
6 past Sunday we presented an award to
7 Commissioner Ayers, our wonderful Fire
8 Commissioner. It was the Lucien E.
9 Blackwell Community Service Award. We
10 have a Lucien E. Blackwell Town Watch
11 Leadership Award. And as all of you
12 know, you just need Ry-Ry (ph). We have
13 the Lucien E. Blackwell Homes in West
14 Philadelphia.

15 So all I can say is, Lou, this
16 recognition is for you.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
24 Madam President. As a new member of this
25 body, I want to thank you, your staff and

1 1/24/08 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 my fellow members of Council for being
3 welcoming and giving us all the
4 information we needed to be value added
5 to this Council, and I wanted to thank
6 you very much.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

8 You're welcome. We're happy to have you
9 here. Thank you.

10 Are there any other speeches on
11 the part of the majority?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, January
20 31st, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and properly seconded that
24 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
25 January 31st at 10:00 a.m.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it and the motion carries.

9 Thank you very much.

10 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
11 11:15 a.m.)

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