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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, March 4, 1999
10:05 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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10 PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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1 INVOCATION

2 PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of this Council is present.

5 The Council will come to order.
6 Members will take their seats, visitors will retire
7 to the seats outside the rail.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Reverend Kevin Porter. He is the
10 Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in
11 Germantown and is the guest of Councilwoman Miller.

12 Members and guests will please rise.

13 REVEREND PORTER: Let us pray. Most
14 gracious and loving God, we give thanks for this
15 day, for each moment within it is a gift from You.

16 Every breath we take gives witness to
17 Your love for each of us. Keep us ever mindful that
18 we are all Your children; that those we would refer
19 to as black or white, yellow or brown, those we
20 would distinguish as rich or poor, those we would
21 call gay or straight, those we would label Democrat
22 or Republican, You would have us call neighbor,
23 especially in the hallowed halls of this city which
24 has been so richly blessed, in this city which has
25 given birth to a nation so richly blessed.

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2 Remind us that our continued blessing
3 lies in the degree to which we learn to love You and
4 to love all our neighbors as ourselves.

5 Teach us to honor the divine spark
6 which is within all of us, even as we ask Your
7 protection from all which would keep us from seeing
8 it.

9 Bless these, the leaders which have
10 been called for the facing of this day. Bless those
11 they love and lift the burdens of their hearts, even
12 as we place the burdens of the city upon their
13 shoulders.

14 Grant them Your wisdom, Your vision,
15 and Your compassion, even as we commend our city to
16 Your merciful care.

17 In Your name we pray. Amen.

18 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
19 Reverend Porter for his inspiring invocation.

20 (Councilmembers greet Reverend
21 Porter.)

22 PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
23 business is the approval of the Journal of the
24 meeting of February 25, 1999.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

1 APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 Clark.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
4 move for the adoption of the Journal of February 25,
5 1999.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
8 and properly second the that the Journal of the
9 meeting of Thursday, February 25, 1999, stands
10 approved.

11 All in favor will vote aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it. The motion
14 carries. The Journal of Thursday, February 25,
15 1999, is approved.

16 The next order of business is Leaves
17 of Absence.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Clark.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
21 am aware of no requests for Leave of Absence at this
22 time on the part of the Democrats.

23 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
24 the Councilwoman.

25 The next order of business -- I'm

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 sorry; the Chair recognizes Councilman Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I am speaking
4 for the minority. I don't know where my beloved
5 minority leader is. But, to my knowledge, there are
6 no requests for Leaves of Absence.

7 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
8 the Councilman.

9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Wait a
10 minute. I am getting a correction.

11 Councilman O'Neill will be out of
12 town on business related to some degree to the
13 city.

14 PRESIDENT VERNA: So a Leave of
15 Absence will be granted for Councilman O'Neill.

16 And is Councilman O'Neill's clerk in
17 the office? If he is, would he please approach the
18 podium.

19 The Chair will dispense with the
20 regular order of business to recognize the guests
21 and visitors joining us in the chambers this
22 morning.

23 On behalf of all members of City
24 Council, I welcome you to our Council session this
25 morning.

1 WELCOME GUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

2 We appreciate your taking the time to
3 join us as we attempt the legislative affairs of our
4 city. We invite you to come again.

5 This morning, our first presentation
6 designates the month of March as American Red Cross
7 Month.

8 Receiving this presentation is Ms.
9 Kathleen Glackin, CEO for Blood Services in the
10 PennJersey Region.

11 I invite Councilman DiCicco to make
12 this presentation.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you, Madam
14 President.

15 Recognizing March 1999 as American
16 Red Cross Month.

17 Whereas, the American Red Cross is a
18 humanitarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to
19 improving the quality of life, enhancing
20 self-reliance and concern for others, and to helping
21 people avoid, prepare for, and cope with emergencies
22 through disaster relief programs, health, safety,
23 education, social services, and through its blood
24 program;

25 And, whereas, for more than 50 years,

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2 the nation has relied on the American Red Cross to
3 provide life-saving blood and blood products to more
4 than 3,000 hospitals nationwide;

5 And, whereas, approximately 40,000
6 units of red cells are needed each day nationwide,
7 and more than 23 million components of blood are
8 transfused each year;

9 And, whereas, blood supplies in
10 Philadelphia, in the Philadelphia area, have dropped
11 in recent months, while the demand for blood
12 products has risen, including a pressing need at
13 Children's Hospital for Type AB blood, which is the
14 universal plasma donor;

15 And, whereas, one unit of blood will
16 help five patients in need, including accident and
17 burn victims, cancer patients, and children and
18 adults suffering from sickle cell anemia;

19 And, whereas, there is an increased
20 need for screening for rare blood types in the
21 African-American and other minority communities, as
22 well as the need for increased public awareness in
23 the African-American and other minority communities
24 of this dire need for rare blood products;

25 Now, therefore, resolved by the

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2 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
3 recognize March as Red Cross Month and designate
4 March 31, 1999, as City Council Blood Drive Day, and
5 that all City Council members and staff and other
6 City Hall personnel be invited and encouraged to
7 participate in this worthy endeavor.

8 Resolved further that an engrossed
9 copy of this Resolution be presented to the American
10 Red Cross as evidence of the respect and admiration
11 of this legislative body for the important work they
12 do in Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley.

13 This is a true and correct copy of
14 the original Resolution adopted by the Council of
15 the City of Philadelphia on the 4th day of February,
16 1999, signed by the President of City Council, Anna
17 C. Verna; introduced by me; and co-sponsored by all
18 members of City Council.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I just would
21 like to make one other note.

22 Three years ago, when I came to
23 Council and we began this program, to date, City
24 Council members and other City Hall personnel have
25 contributed 120 units of blood so far.

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2 So I want to thank you on behalf of
3 the Red Cross. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. KATHLEEN GLACKIN: It is my
6 pleasure, on behalf of the Red Cross, to thank City
7 Council, Councilman DiCicco, and all city employees
8 that have helped save lives by their support of the
9 Red Cross mission.

10 Red Cross, we have a motto that says,
11 Help Can't Wait. And help can't wait, but help
12 can't be there without the support of volunteers in
13 the community; those folks that give blood, those
14 folks that come out and respond to disasters, and
15 folks such as the Council that provide leadership to
16 this activity in the community. We are deeply
17 grateful.

18 On behalf of the hospital patients
19 whose lives have been saved by the voluntary blood
20 donations, I would like to thank you.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be at
24 ease.

25 (Council stands at ease.)

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2 PRESIDENT Verna: Will Councilwoman
3 Blackwell please approach the Chair.

4 Our second presentation today also
5 designates March as Save Your Vision Month.

6 Receiving this presentation is Dr.
7 Eugene Wayne, President of the Pennsylvania College
8 of Optometry.

9 I invite Councilwoman Tasco to make
10 this presentation.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good morning.
12 It gives me pleasure to present this Resolution
13 declaring March as Save your Vision Month.

14 Whereas, Save Your Vision Month is a
15 national event sponsored every March by the American
16 Optometric Association;

17 And, whereas, the Pennsylvania
18 College of Optometry is celebrating Save Your Vision
19 Month with a Vision Health Public Awareness Campaign
20 with the theme: Your Family's Vision, The Key To
21 Productive Lives;

22 And, whereas, the Pennsylvania
23 College of Optometry is co-sponsoring Save Your
24 Vision Month with the Police Athletic League, the
25 Free Library of Philadelphia, local schools, and

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2 vision to remain independent as long as possible;

3 And, whereas, the Pennsylvania
4 College of Optometry is also participating in Vision
5 USA, a national effort to provide free eye
6 examinations for working persons with no health
7 insurance who have not had any eye examination in
8 the last 12 months;

9 Now, therefore, resolved that the
10 Council of the City of Philadelphia declares and
11 celebrates March as Save Your Vision Month.

12 Resolved further that an engrossed
13 copy of this Resolution be presented to
14 representatives of the Pennsylvania College of
15 Optometry, the Police Athletic League, the Free
16 Library of Philadelphia, local schools and community
17 organizations as a sincere expression of the
18 Council's gratitude, appreciation, and commendation
19 for sponsoring and organizing free vision screenings
20 throughout Philadelphia during Save Your Vision
21 Month.

22 Certification that this is a true and
23 correct copy of the original Resolution adopted by
24 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the 17th
25 day of December, 1998.

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2 Signed Anna Verna, President of City
3 Council; introduced by Marian B. Tasco; and
4 sponsored by all members of City Council.

5 Congratulations, and thank you for
6 each year providing eye screening to citizens of
7 Philadelphia. We appreciate it very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Dr. Eugene Wayne for some comments.

11 DR. EUGENE WAYNE: Thank you. Save
12 Your Vision Month has been a proud tradition of the
13 Pennsylvania College of Optometry for over a
14 decade.

15 Our team of eye care specialists have
16 provided free vision screenings and vision care
17 education to thousands of Philadelphia residents.

18 1999 is a very special year for Save
19 Your Vision Month. It marks the 20th Anniversary of
20 the Eye Institute.

21 We appreciate your joining us in
22 celebrating our continuing commitment to serving the
23 community through exceptional vision care to our
24 patients and thorough optometric education to our
25 students.

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2 We are, indeed, honored by this City
3 Council Resolution for Save Your Vision Month.

4 We cannot, however, provide these
5 services alone. Save Your Vision Month is a
6 community effort.

7 We have enjoyed the kind assistance
8 of the Free Library of Philadelphia, represented
9 today by Ms. Lynne Reagan; the Police Athletic
10 League; and many other local organizations.

11 This year we are pleased to add the
12 Neighborhood Action Bureau to those organizations.

13 I also want to express our sincere
14 thanks to NBC 10 television and WDAS radio for
15 cosponsoring this year's efforts.

16 I would like now to introduce our
17 very special honorary Chairperson for Save Your
18 Vision Month 1999, Ms. Sherry Banks, NBC 10 Medical
19 Editor.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SHERRY BANKS: Thank you very
22 much. It is a pleasure to be here today and to
23 support this effort.

24 I was thinking about it last night.
25 And I remember an eye doctor saying to me, he told

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2 me a funny story.

3 He said, "I was about to operate on
4 this man this morning. And he said, 'Look, Doc, be
5 really careful with me because my vision is very
6 important to me,' as if it weren't to everyone
7 else."

8 It is one of our most precious
9 commodities. And, unfortunately, a lot of the eye
10 diseases out there are silent diseases, and you have
11 to take a trip to the eye doctor to know you have
12 them.

13 Also, you can find other hidden
14 diseases through your eye doctor.

15 My dad went to the eye doctor a few
16 years ago. And when the exam was finished, the
17 doctor said to him, "I think you better go get
18 checked for diabetes. I think you've got a
19 problem." And, in fact, he did have diabetes.

20 But he caught it early enough that he
21 was able to treat it without insulin, and he is fine
22 today. But it was because of the eye doctor.

23 So I think we have to remember how
24 precious our vision is to us and get it checked and
25 don't think that as long as it is not bothering us,

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2 there is nothing wrong.

3 So I am going to set a good example
4 and get the first eye exam today. And I hope all of
5 you will follow suit during the next month.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be at
9 ease.

10 (Council stands at ease.)

11 PRESIDENT VERNA: This marks the 20th
12 Annual African-American History Month Oratorical
13 Competition. And today, as we have in the past, we
14 welcome the winners.

15 As Councilwoman Clark introduces the
16 group, we will hear the winning essays from the
17 elementary, middle, and upper levels.

18 Councilwoman Clark.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: This year, as
20 in, I don't know, it must be 15 or 16 previous
21 years, I have had the pleasure of cooperating with
22 the School District in the African-American
23 Oratorical Contest.

24 This is, as you have said, the 20th
25 year that this outstanding program has operated and

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2 young people have selected topics, done the
3 research, written an essay, rehearsed it, and given
4 it at the class level, at the school level.

5 And, finally, today we will be
6 listening to those youngsters who have survived the
7 citywide process and come here today representing
8 the three levels of participants.

9 In the elementary school level, the
10 citywide winners from Grades 4, 5, and 6 are here.

11 Today we are only going to hear the
12 First Place winner; is that correct?

13 But, for the record, Madam President,
14 if I may, I would like to name all of the finalists
15 in each of the three categories.

16 The Fourth Place winner of a \$100
17 bond is Sharae Scott, who is a 5th grader from the
18 Stanton School, in the Gratz Cluster.

19 Please stand.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The Third Place
22 winner of a \$200 bond is Jenne Ayers, a 5th grader
23 at Masterman, in the Franklin Cluster.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: The Second Place

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2 winner of a \$500 bond is Frances Quarterman, a 6th
3 grader at Lamberton, in the Overbrook Cluster.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And the First
6 Place winner of a \$1,000 bond and a computer is John
7 Wright, a 5th grader at Sulzberger, in the
8 University City Cluster.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Now, are we
11 going to hear them as presented, or shall I do the
12 whole list now?

13 PRESIDENT VERNA: It is your call.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Why don't we
15 hear John at this level.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: John Wright, a
18 5th grader from Sulzberger, University City
19 Cluster.

20 John.

21 MR. JOHN WRIGHT: The beat goes on.
22 It beats to the masses that listen with its ears to
23 the wind.

24 Listen to the beat, for it WILL truly
25 bring out the message from our ancestors. Just

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2 listen, and you shall hear the message.

3 Lines from a poem by Emily Nelson,
4 The Drums.

5 Good morning to all families,
6 members, friends, and my fellow orators. I am the
7 young Ashanti prince, John Wright, a 6th grader at
8 the Sulzberger Middle School.

9 The title of my oration is "Listen To
10 The Drums, Listen To The Drums."

11 Our ancestors' main effort for
12 communication was always the talking drum. It was
13 used to share good news, bad news, and just to say
14 hello.

15 Whatever the beats were, it meant
16 alot to our people. It was their invention, their
17 power of communication. It was their friend, their
18 way of keeping the spirits alive.

19 Today we still listen to that beat.
20 All we have to do is just close our eyes and listen
21 deeply to the drums.

22 It is beating in our hearts, our
23 families, our community, our churches, and our
24 schools.

25 The message is there. All we have to

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2 do is just listen to the drums. It will speak to
3 our hatred. We should all just get along.

4 It will speak to our love. We should
5 love those who hate us.

6 It will speak to our togetherness.
7 We should all share wealth, love, memories, and
8 prosperity.

9 But, if you just listen to the drums,
10 you would know that each beat brings friends and
11 families together. Each beat says peace, liberty,
12 and freedom to all others.

13 Just listen to the drums, listen to
14 the drums, listen to the drums.

15 It will speak to our African pride.
16 It will speak to the intellect from the great
17 University of Timbuktu.

18 It will speak to our great scientists
19 and inventors like that of George Washington Carver,
20 Madame C.J. Walker, and Dr. Mae Jemison.

21 It will speak out to the great words
22 of Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Harriet
23 Tubman, Frederick Douglass.

24 It will speak out to the great
25 athletes like that of Jackie Robinson, Jessie Owens,

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2 Flo Jo, Carl Lewis, Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan,
3 Cobey Bryant, and Tiger Woods.

4 Today, in our society, we need to
5 take the time to listen to the beat of the drum so
6 that we can hear the message that once was said.

7 We need to take heed to the message
8 of our ancestors. If we do this, the world will be
9 a much better place, a much, much better place.

10 And I don't care if you're a black or
11 a white; listen to the drums. I don't care if
12 you're rich or poor; listen to the drums. I don't
13 care if you're happy or sad; listen to the drums.

14 Listen to the drums.

15 I am John Wright, Ashanti.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Isn't that the
18 beginning of what is going to be an exciting day?

19 At the middle level, the winners are
20 from Grades 7, 8, and 9.

21 We apparently have, what, a tie?
22 Tied for Fourth Place, the prize is a \$100 bond,
23 Tiffany Ford, a 9th grader from CAPA, in the Furness
24 Cluster.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And Zeniada
3 Santos, who is an 8th grader at Hopkinson, in the
4 Frankford Cluster.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Okay. Third
7 Place, \$200 bond, is Alia Hatch. She is a 9th
8 grader at Carver.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: In the William
11 Penn Cluster.

12 Second Place winner of a \$500 bond is
13 Dominica Bridges, a 7th grader for Lamberton, in the
14 Overbrook Cluster.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And winner of
17 the First Place, \$1,000 bond and computer, in the
18 middle level is Shanique Jones, an 8th grader at
19 Wagner Middle School, in the King Cluster.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. SHANIQUE JONES: The title of my
22 oration is, "The Power of Blackness."

23 Freedom wasn't won easily; it took
24 years of struggle. African-American casualties were
25 high. Now that freedom is ours, we have to ask

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2 ourselves, is it really?

3 What others expect from us has the
4 power to shackle us, if we allow it to. At Kwanzaa,
5 we celebrate kujichagulia, the principle of
6 self-determination whereby we define ourselves.

7 Every individual has this duty. If
8 we don't take it seriously, we are in danger of
9 relinquishing our power to others, to all the
10 parents, mates, friends, and enemies who want to put
11 us in our place and tell us who we are and what we
12 can or can't do.

13 It takes effort and vigilance to be
14 free.

15 These words of wisdom were written by
16 Eric V. Coppage on the subject of freedom.

17 Hello. I am Shanique Jones of the
18 Wagner Middle School. I am young and proud to be an
19 African-American.

20 I respect the struggle of my
21 ancestors and consider myself blessed with power.
22 This power I have is not mentioned in history books,
23 nor made known in our societies. But it is the
24 magic of all blacks, the power of blackness.

25 This power was the strength of

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2 Harriet Tubman and the courage of Rosa Parks. It
3 was the seeing of the slaves, the hope of those
4 affected by racism, and the faith of Dr. Martin
5 Luther King.

6 It was the caring of Mary McLeod
7 Bethune and the inspiration of Langston Hughes; the
8 beat of Louis Armstrong, and the exuberance of
9 Malcolm X.

10 The power of blackness is passed down
11 through generations. It is basically what
12 encourages us to make a difference, in spite of what
13 problems we may come across.

14 This power gives us endurance so that
15 we can fight drug abuse, neglect, and
16 discrimination.

17 With this power and our faith in God,
18 we will better our communities, increase the
19 knowledge of our culture, and help those suffering
20 from poverty.

21 We will make it known that we are
22 powerful beings. We will free ourselves from the
23 bondage of hate and fight the battle of crime.

24 We will make liars out of those
25 people who said we were ignorant and untalented. We

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2 will change our history for the good.

3 We will rise like Mia Angelo and hold
4 fast to our dreams, like Langston Hughes says. We
5 will rise above violence and help prevent rape,
6 robbery, or anything else that tears our communities
7 apart.

8 We are the future. We are the next
9 doctors, lawyers, teachers, entrepreneurs, stock
10 brokers, and every other occupation. Oh, we will be
11 the next presidents.

12 With the power of blackness, we will
13 be one; one in our thinking, one in our struggle,
14 and one in our fight to make a difference.

15 Our love for each other will expand.
16 And we, we African-Americans, will lead our country
17 into peace, faith, and tolerance.

18 We will increase our self-esteem, our
19 love towards each other, and our love towards our
20 communities.

21 We will be free, once and for all,
22 and will be the example of unity and success.

23 In the words of high Priestess Ayalla
24 Visat (ph.), no man is free until all men are free,
25 but freedom first starts with us.

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2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
5 in the upper level, Grades 10, 11, and 12, the
6 Fourth Place winner of a \$100 bond is Stephanie
7 Tisdale, a 10th grader at Central High School, in
8 the King Cluster.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Third Place
11 winner of a \$200 bond is Warren Thomas, an 11th
12 grader from Masterman.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Masterman is in
15 the Franklin Cluster.

16 The Second Place winner of a \$500
17 bond is Jamilla Hicks, a 12th grader from CAPA, in
18 the Furness Cluster.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
21 a drum roll for the First Place winner of a \$1,000
22 bond and a WDAS-sponsored trip to Africa, a 10th
23 grader from the Carver High School in the William
24 Penn Cluster, Carmen Rosa.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MS. CARMEN ROSA: Before I begin
3 today, in the presence of this Council, esteemed
4 city leaders, school officials, community
5 representatives, family and friends, the media, and
6 all others gathered here today, I would like to
7 thank God for my oratory coach, Mrs. Marcella Jones,
8 for her dedication and support not only to me
9 personally --

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. ROSA: -- but to this program and
12 the principle of personal excellence and
13 achievement. She has truly been a blessing to me
14 and my family.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. ROSA: My pledge to the person
17 that history will judge as the moral conscious of
18 the 20th Century. And they said one to another,
19 behold the dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefor and let us slay
21 him, and we shall see what becomes of his dream. He
22 followed the philosophies of Jesus the Christ and
23 Gandhi the Mahatma.

24 Jesus, Gandhi, and Martin Luther
25 King, Jr., neither were the ruler of nations, but

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2 all three gave their people faith, hope, and love.

3 All three gave nations principles, and all three

4 gave history a vision of the heart and soul of

5 humanity.

6 I pledge by word and deed to keep the

7 dream alive for posterity.

8 He preached brotherhood and

9 nonviolence. But amid the tempestuous seeds and

10 treacherous storms of injustice, hate, and violence

11 which threatened the very existence of humankind,

12 his faith was a solid immovable rock.

13 The creator called this grandson of a

14 slave and said to him, "Martin, speak to America and

15 the world about social injustice, racial

16 discrimination, and the world's obligation to the

17 empoverished."

18 Dr. King challenged without a gun

19 because moral courage was his most potent weapon.

20 So I, too, will have moral courage to keep the dream

21 alive.

22 He had an exalted capacity to love.

23 I, too, must have the same capacity to love.

24 He drew no distinction between the

25 high or the low and none between the rich or the

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2 poor. To keep the dream alive, I must do the same.

3 When all of the experiences and
4 virtues of humanity have been left behind, faith,
5 hope, and love will remain.

6 Dr. King exemplified all three with
7 rare intensity. To keep the dream alive, I, Carmen
8 Rosa, must do the same.

9 No backlash, no massive apathy could
10 induce him to despair or stray from his commitment
11 to the fulfillment of inspired hope. To keep the
12 dream alive, I must have hope.

13 His words and memory I will keep
14 emblazoned in my heart, soul, and mind for
15 eternity.

16 I will face reality with the same
17 hopeful spirits of the words of the him he loved,
18 "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty
19 we are free at last."

20 You see, the person that's leaves
21 this world a better place never really leaves. Dr.
22 King's dream is still very much alive.

23 He wrote that we must use time
24 creatively in the knowledge that the time is always
25 ripe to do right. I will keep the dream alive by

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2 doing the right thing.

3 The lights of his courage awakened
4 and stirred me. The energy of his passion
5 challenged and moved me. The power of his vision
6 continues to guide and inspire me.

7 Dr. King stated that the ultimate
8 measure of a person is not where a person stands at
9 times of comfort and convenience, but where a person
10 stands at times of challenge and controversy. This
11 is the yardstick by which I want to be measured.

12 And when I have children, I pledge to
13 keep the dream alive by working for the
14 implementation of this quote, that my four little
15 children will one day live in a nation where they
16 will not be judged by the color of their skin, but
17 by the content of their character.

18 And when I get into my chosen
19 profession, I pledge to unquestionably and
20 indubitably keep the dream alive. For a person
21 should do his job so well that the living, the dead,
22 and the unborn could do it no better.

23 If I can help somebody as I pass
24 along, if I can cheer somebody with the words or
25 song, if I can show somebody traveling wrong, then

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2 my living won't be in vain.

3 This he expressed in his Drum Major
4 For Justice Speech. What better challenge can I
5 give myself?

6 As stated in his last public speech,
7 like anybody, I'd like to live a long life.
8 Longevity has its place; I just want to do God's
9 will.

10 I've seen the promised land. I may
11 not get there with you, but we as a people will get
12 to the promised land.

13 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., sunrise
14 January 15, 1929, sunset April 4, 1968.

15 The king is dead. Long live the
16 king.

17 Behold, the dreamer came, and they
18 slayed him. Now we shall see what becomes of his
19 dream.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
22 I appreciate the amount of time you have granted
23 us. Again, this year the young people have made us
24 feel good.

25 Could I ask one more thing? Can we

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2 have a group picture?

3 PRESIDENT VERNA: By all means.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Thank you.

5 (Council stands at ease.)

6 PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
7 business is Communications.

8 The Chair recognizes the Sergeant At
9 Arms for the purpose of delivering the Messages from
10 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

11 The Chief Clerk will read the
12 messages from the Mayor.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
14 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
15 I am pleased to advise you that I have today signed
16 the following bill, which was passed by Council at
17 its session on February 18, 1999, Bill No. 990001A;

18 And I am transmitting for the
19 consideration of your honorable body a resolution
20 approving the Redevelopment Contract with the
21 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
22 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of the
23 portion of the Sarah Allen Urban Renewal Area;

24 And an Ordinance authorizing the
25 creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for and

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2 towards various capital municipal purposes,
3 authorizing the Mayor, City Controller, and City
4 Solicitor, or a majority of them, to sell bonds at a
5 public or private negotiated sale;

6 And an Ordinance amending an
7 ordinance approved February the 8th, 1999, Bill No.
8 980845, created the Pavillion Market East Tax
9 Increment Financing District;

10 And an Ordinance amending an
11 Ordinance approved July 1, 1997, Bill No. 970120,
12 which creating the Philadelphia Naval Business
13 Center Tax Increment Financing District;

14 And an Ordinance amending an
15 Ordinance approved June 23, 1998, which approved the
16 Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban Renewal Plan, and
17 the Relocation Plan of the Redevelopment Authority
18 of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
19 the Point Breeze East Urban Renewal Area;

20 And an Ordinance to amend an
21 Ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended,
22 which approved the Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban
23 Renewal Plan, and the Relocation Plan of the
24 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
25 for the redevelopment of the Model Cities Urban

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2 Renewal Area;

3 And an Ordinance amending an
4 Ordinance approved December 22, 1987, which approved
5 the Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban Renewal Plan,
6 and the Relocation Plan of the Redevelopment
7 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
8 redevelopment of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue Urban
9 Renewal Plan;

10 And an Ordinance amending Chapter
11 19-2400 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Hotel
12 Room Rental Tax," by providing for an additional
13 exercise tax on hotel room rentals and designating
14 the expenditures for which such tax will be used,
15 under certain terms and conditions.

16 PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages will
17 be printed in the Journal.

18 The Chief Clerk will read any other
19 messages in her possession.

20 CHIEF CLERK: I have none, Madam
21 Chair.

22 PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any other
23 messages?

24 CHIEF CLERK: No, Madam Chair.

25 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 Hearing none, our next order of
3 business will be Introduction of Bills and
4 Resolutions.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Clark.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Clark for the purpose of making a motion to suspend
9 rules.

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
11 move that we suspend the Rules of Council so as to
12 permit immediate consideration of the resolutions at
13 the time of their introduction.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor of the
16 motion to suspend the rules to permit immediate
17 consideration of resolutions at the time of
18 introduction will vote aye.

19 Those opposed say nay.

20 The ayes have it. The motion is
21 carried.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Clark for the purpose of introducing bills and
24 resolutions.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,

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2 today I have two bills and one resolution to benefit
3 the 5th Councilmanic District.

4 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
5 the Councilwoman.

6 The clerk will please read the first
7 bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
9 an Ordinance approved December 22, 1987, which
10 approved the Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban
11 Renewal Plan, and the Relocation Plan of the
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
13 for the redevelopment of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue
14 Urban Renewal Area.

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

17 The Chief Clerk will read the second
18 bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And Ordinance amending
20 an Ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended,
21 which approved the Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban
22 Renewal Plan, and the Relocation Plan of the
23 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
24 for the redevelopment of the Model Cities Urban
25 Renewal Area.

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2 PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
3 referred to the appropriate committee.

4 The clerk will please read the title
5 of the resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
8 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
9 of the City of Philadelphia a deed concerning the
10 12th, 28th, 29th, 32nd, 37th, 43rd, and 47th Wards
11 of the City of Philadelphia.

12 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

14 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move the
15 adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 PRESIDENT VERNA: All those in favor
18 will signify by saying aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it. The motion is
21 carried.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 This morning I have one resolution,
3 one bill on my behalf, and one bill on your behalf.

4 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk
5 will please read the first bill.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
7 authorizing the creation of a loan or loans to
8 provide funds for and toward various capital
9 municipal purposes, authorizing the Mayor, City
10 Controller, and City Solicitor, or a majority of
11 them, to sell bonds at public or private negotiated
12 sale.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And ordinance amending
16 Chapter 12-2400 of the Philadelphia Code entitled,
17 "Hotel Room Rental Tax," by providing for an
18 additional exercise tax on hotel room rentals and
19 designating the expenditures for which such tax will
20 be used, under certain terms and conditions.

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

23 The Chief Clerk will please read the
24 resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution approving

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2 the Redevelopment Contract of the Redevelopment
3 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
4 Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Area of a portion of
5 the Sarah Allen Urban Renewal Area.

6 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
9 President, I move the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
12 and seconded.

13 All in favor of the motion will
14 signify by voting aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it. The motion is
17 carried.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
21 offer one resolution.

22 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk
23 will please read the title of the resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution in
25 celebration of 75 years of the B'Nai B'Rith Youth

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2 Organization.

3 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
6 move the adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it. The motion is
14 carried.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
18 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

19 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
20 the Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam Chairman,
24 I have two resolutions.

25 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk

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2 will please read the first resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 authorizing the Council Committee on Legislative
5 Oversight to conduct public hearings to examine the
6 delays in the full implementation of the city
7 program to boot and tow unregistered and uninsured
8 automobiles, and the feasibility of extending this
9 program to the cars of drunk drivers.

10 PRESIDENT Verna: The resolution will
11 be referred to the appropriate committee.

12 Please read the second resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the City Commissioner of Public Property
15 to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
16 Authority of the City of Philadelphia deeds
17 concerning title in the 7th, 18th, 19th, and 37th
18 Wards in the City of Philadelphia.

19 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
22 Chairwoman, I ask these be referred to the
23 appropriate committee.

24 PRESIDENT Verna: The second
25 resolution?

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: The second one?

3 I'm sorry.

4 I ask for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
7 and properly seconded.

8 All in favor will signify by voting
9 aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it. The motion is
12 carried.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 I offer two bills on your behalf and
18 two resolutions which have been signed by all
19 members of Council.

20 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk
21 will please read the bills.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
23 an Ordinance approved July 1, 1997, Bill No. 970120,
24 which created the Philadelphia Naval Business Center
25 Tax Increment Financing District.

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2 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be
3 referred to the appropriate committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
5 amending an Ordinance approved June 23, 1998, which
6 approved the Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban
7 Renewal Plan, and the Relocation Plan of the
8 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
9 for the redevelopment of the Point Breeze East Urban
10 Renewal Area.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The bill will be
12 referred to the appropriate committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 welcoming the Moslem American Society to
15 Philadelphia, the site of its 1999 National
16 Convention.

17 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the adoption
20 of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 PRESIDENT Verna: It has been moved
23 and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it. The motion is
4 carried.

5 The Chief Clerk will please read the
6 second resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 declaring Friday, April 23, 1999, as Daniel Falkner
9 Remembrance Day.

10 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the adoption
13 of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it. The motion is
21 carried.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 I offer two resolutions.

3 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk
4 will please read the title of the resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 recognizing the School District of Philadelphia for
7 its efforts to inform the Philadelphia community at
8 large and foster mutual respect and understanding
9 through an education conference focusing on
10 diversity and equality issues.

11 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
17 and properly seconded.

18 All in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it. The motion is
22 carried.

23 The Chief Clerk will please read the
24 second resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution calling

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2 for the Education Committee to hold public hearings
3 on Welfare reform legislation, on how it will impact
4 on school-aged children enrolled within the City of
5 Philadelphia's public schools in Grades K to 12.

6 PRESIDENT VERNA: The resolution will
7 be referred to the appropriate committee.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President,
11 I offer one resolution.

12 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk
13 will please read the title of the resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
15 designating the Philadelphia Industrial Development
16 Corporation as the industrial development
17 organization for the County of Philadelphia, with
18 full power and authority to represent said county in
19 all matters that relate to and for all purposes of
20 the Industrial Development Assistance Law.

21 PRESIDENT VERNA: That resolution
22 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Tasco.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair,
4 Councilwoman Tasco has no resolutions today, and
5 neither have I.

6 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you, Madam
10 President.

11 I offer one bill and one resolution.

12 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief Clerk
13 will please read the title of the bill.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
15 an Ordinance approved February 8, 1999, Bill No.
16 980845, which created the Pavilion Market East Tax
17 Increment Financing District.

18 PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will be
19 referred to the appropriate committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
21 calling for the Committee on Transportation and
22 Public Utilities to conduct hearings on the high
23 cost of purchasing SEPTA tokens for Philadelphia's
24 middle and high school students, and to work with
25 the School District and SEPTA to develop strategies

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2 to eliminate or reduce the cost to Philadelphia
3 families.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
9 I offer one bill.

10 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief Clerk
11 will please read the title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
13 Section 19-201 of the Philadelphia Code entitled,
14 "City Depositories," by authorizing the City
15 Treasurer to deposit funds in Summit Bank, under
16 certain terms and conditions.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Longstreth.

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
22 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

23 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
24 the Councilman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

1 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

2 Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or
4 resolutions, Madam President.

5 PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The next order of business is Reports
7 from Committees.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kenney for a report from the Rules Committee.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
11 President.

12 The Council Committee on Rules
13 reports out two bills with favorable
14 recommendations.

15 PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
16 please read the report.

17 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
18 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
19 The Committee on Rules, to which was referred Bill
20 No. 980895, entitled, An Ordinance amending the
21 Philadelphia Zoning Maps, by changing the zoning
22 designations of certain areas of land in the 5th
23 Ward and located within an area bounded by Spring
24 Garden Street, 8th Street, Vine Street, and 11th
25 Street.

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2 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
5 I move the Rules of Council be suspended so as to
6 permit first reading of Bill No. 980895 and 980901
7 today.

8 PRESIDENT Verna: I was distracted.
9 Were both of the bills read?

10 CHIEF CLERK: No, not yet.

11 And Bill No. 980901, entitled, An
12 Ordinance amending Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
13 changing the zoning designations of certain areas of
14 land located in the 57th Ward, within an area
15 bounded by Grant Avenue, Academy Road, Holm Avenue,
16 Willits Avenue, railroad right-of-way, and Blue
17 Grass Road, respectfully reports it has considered
18 and amended the same, and returns the attached bills
19 to Council with a favorable recommendation.

20 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair again
21 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the Rules
23 of Council be suspended so as to permit first
24 reading of Bill Nos. 980895 and 980901 today.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
3 and properly seconded that the Rules of Council be
4 suspended so as to permit first reading of Bill Nos.
5 980895 and 980901 on today's calendar.

6 Bills 980895 and 980901 will be
7 placed on our First Reading Calendar today.

8 Are there any other reports from
9 committees?

10 Hearing none, it is my understanding
11 that Councilman Cohen wants to be recognized.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes, Madam
13 President. Thank you.

14 I just want to ask the
15 representatives of B'Nai B'Rith Youth Organization,
16 who are here, to please stand. There are three
17 representatives here.

18 That's in connection with the
19 Resolution we adopted earlier.

20 (Representatives stand.)

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 PRESIDENT VERNA: You are welcome.

25 The next order of business is

1 FIRST READING CALENDAR

2 Consideration of the Calendar.

3 The Chief Clerk will read the bills
4 on the First Reading Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 980895, an
6 Ordinance amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of certain areas of
8 land in the 5th Ward.

9 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 980901, an
11 Ordinance amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
12 changing the zoning designation of certain areas of
13 land located in the 57th Ward.

14 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair agrees.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Clark for the purpose of calling out bills on the
17 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam President,
19 all bills are being held on Second and Final Passage
20 Calendar, with the exception of 990059.

21 PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
22 the Councilwoman.

23 The Chief Clerk will please read the
24 title of Bill No. 990059.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance declaring

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2 that it is desirable for the health, safety, and
3 Welfare of the people in the area served by
4 Jefferson Health Systems, Inc., (The System),
5 Frankford Health Care Systems, Inc., (FHCS), the
6 Frankford Hospital of Philadelphia, (Frankford
7 Hospital), and Delaware Valley Medical Center,
8 (DVMC), for the Hospitals and Higher Education
9 Facilities Authority of Philadelphia to participate
10 with The Systems, FHCS, Frankford Hospital, and DVMC
11 in a financing to provide for the acquisition by The
12 System of the sole corporate membership interest in
13 FHCS for the acquisition of Frankford Hospital, or
14 its assignee, of substantially all the assets of
15 DVMC, and for constructing and equipping
16 improvements to the facilities of DVMC.

17 PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
18 been read on two different days, the question now is
19 shall the bill pass finally.

20 The clerk will please call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.
10 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Verna.

3 PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 15, the nays are zero.

5 The bill passes.

6 Are there any speeches on the part of
7 minority?

8 Are there any speeches on the part of
9 the majority?

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Mariano.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
13 President.

14 Madam President, I just want to make
15 note that yesterday Operation Sunrise moved into
16 Phase III, and tonight at the Lighthouse Community
17 Center, at 151 West Somerset Street, will be a
18 meeting for the community that they can attend to
19 find out about what's going to happen up there.

20 And the first two phases of this
21 operation have been very successful. And I would
22 like to publicly thank Deputy Commissioner Sylvester
23 Johnson and Managing Director Joe Certaine for all
24 their help on these first two phases.

25 And this is the most important phase

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2 here, we think, and it is probably going to be a big
3 success.

4 Thank you, Madam President.

5 PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
6 Councilman.

7 At this time the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Cohen.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Ma'am
10 President.

11 I just wanted to note that yesterday,
12 March 3, according to the old news columns, passed
13 peacefully, despite the deep concerns of many people
14 as to what would happen as a result of the
15 effectiveness of Welfare Reform legislation as of
16 yesterday.

17 I expect the sense of relief was
18 expressed after the full-page advertisement by Mayor
19 Rendell on behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia
20 warning of an impending catastrophe.

21 I don't think anybody ought to be
22 lulled into believing that the catastrophic problems
23 have abated. They haven't. It is a bomb ready to
24 explode, as Mayor Rendell has pointed out.

25 But the kinds of protests that took

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2 place yesterday, the kind of awareness that's
3 beginning to develop in the community as a result of
4 various church organizations, community
5 organizations, this City Council holding hearings on
6 the subject has been effective in making the state
7 hesitate in just abruptly terminating the many
8 thousands of families that have not been able to
9 meet the requirements of going to work.

10 I think all of us have to intensify
11 our efforts to bring some sanity to this
12 legislation, to provide for real due process, for
13 providing the necessary daycare, transportation, and
14 meaningful jobs so that people can truly move from
15 Welfare to work.

16 Thank you, Ma'am President.

17 PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
21 President, I just wanted to say happy birthday to
22 Barbie's 40th Birthday.

23 PRESIDENT VERA: Are there any other
24 speeches on the part of the majority?

25 Hearing none, the Chair recognizes

1 MOTION TO ADJOURN

2 Councilwoman Clark for adjournment.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I am sorry.

4 PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

5 recognizes Councilwoman Clark. March 11.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
7 move that Council be adjourned until March the 11th,
8 1999.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor will
11 signify by saying aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it.

14 Council stands adjourned until
15 Thursday, March the 11th, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.

16 Thank you.

17 (Witness excused.)

18 (Deposition concluded at 11:10 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, March 4, 1999, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR