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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Tuesday, December 14, 1999

1:25 p.m.

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RESOLUTION 990041 - Authorizing the City's Council
Committee's on Education to hold public hearings
on a proposal to require the School District of
the City of Philadelphia to educate elementary and
secondary school-aged children about the
historical events surrounding the Great Irish
Famine of 1845-1850.

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PRESENT: COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER, Chair
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN RICHARD MARIANO
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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5 (No appearances by witnesses.)

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: This is the
4 Council Committee on Education. Present is
5 Councilman Rick Mariano, Councilman Frank DiCicco,
6 myself - Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, Chair of
7 the Committee, Councilman Jim Kenney, and
8 Councilman Michael Nutter. A quorum has been
9 formed.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very
12 much, Madam Chairman.

13 The purpose of our meeting here today
14 is for me to offer an amendment to the title of
15 the resolution, which is Resolution No. 990041,
16 which is authorizing the City's Council
17 Committee's on Education to hold public hearings
18 on a proposal to require the School District of
19 the City of Philadelphia to educate elementary and
20 secondary school-aged children about the
21 historical events surrounding the Great Irish
22 Famine of 1845-1850.

23 What I will ask to do today is have the
24 committee approve the change or the amendment to
25 the title of the resolution, which would remove

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2 the word "require" and insert the word "request."
3 This information was brought to the fore at the
4 public hearing where the School District
5 testified, and we agreed, that we do not have the
6 ability to require the School District to do
7 anything.

8 But subsequent meetings relative to
9 this issue have created a consensus within the
10 community supporting this resolution, and with the
11 School District, and they have moved forward to
12 put into place a curriculum that will help to
13 bring forward information and the historic
14 information relative to the Great Irish Famine of
15 1845-1850.

16 So I am going to make a motion now to
17 amend this resolution to remove the word "require"
18 and insert the word "request," and I'd ask for a
19 second.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We'll move the
23 motion.

24 All in favor vote by saying aye?

25 Those opposed?

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2 Okay, the ayes have it.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I would now move,
4 Madam Chairman, if it's okay with you, for the
5 committee to approve Bill No. 990041, as amended.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm sorry, I'm
8 sorry. It's not a bill. I would make a motion --
9 let me rephrase the motion.

10 I would move that to approve Resolution
11 No. 990041, as amended.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So moved.

14 All in favor aye?

15 Opposed?

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay, we have now
17 reported out of committee Resolution No. 990041 as
18 amended.

19 This concludes the public hearing on
20 Resolution No. 990041.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

23 (Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Tuesday, December 14, 1999, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 990041

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
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