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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, February 12, 2010
8 10:35 a.m.

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PRESENT:

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
14 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
15 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
16 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
17 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
18 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
19 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
20 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
21 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
22 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
23 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
24 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
25 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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

6 Council will please come to
7 order. Members will take their seats,
8 and visitors will retire to the seats
9 outside the rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Pastor
12 Willie Singletary of the City of Refuge
13 Church. He is here today as the guest of
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 I would ask all members and
16 guests to please rise.

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 PASTOR SINGLETARY: Let us bow
19 our heads.

20 Most gracious and eternal wise
21 God, we come this morning to say thank
22 you. We thank you for another
23 opportunity to come before you.

24 We thank you now, God, for this
25 body of legislators who have come to

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2 discuss the business of our city, to make
3 it safer and enrich our communities. We
4 pray now, God, that you will bless each
5 and every one of them that they may
6 handle their councilmanic district with
7 dignity and integrity. We pray now, God,
8 that you will anoint them and bless them
9 and keep them.

10 We pray for our city as we go
11 through this clean-up process of this
12 snow that you have blessed us with. God,
13 we love you, we praise you, we magnify
14 you.

15 In Christ's name, we pray.

16 Amen.

17 (Amen.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair thanks Pastor Singletary for his
20 invocation.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 next order of business is the approval of
25 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

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2 February 4th, 2010.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I move that the Journal
7 of the meeting of Thursday, February the
8 4th, 2010 stand approved.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
13 February 4th, 2010 stand approved.

14 All in favor will indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 ayes have it and the motion carries.

22 The next order of business is
23 requests for leaves of absence, and,
24 again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. On behalf of the
4 majority, a leave of absence is requested
5 for Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair thanks the gentleman, and leave
8 will be granted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, on behalf of the republicans,
13 leave of absence is requested for
14 Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Leave
16 will be granted.

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

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2 you to come again.

3 At this time, the Chair
4 recognizes Councilman O'Neill, who will
5 present a resolution on my behalf
6 declaring February 14th, 2010 as
7 "Firefighters Recognition Day."

8 Will Mr. Bill Gault and those
9 accompanying him please join the
10 Councilman at the podium.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, I think it should be noted
13 that while Council was continued for a
14 day because of the snow and while we
15 heard so much about the wonderful work
16 being done by our public servants out
17 there fighting this snow and ice, we
18 forget sometimes that at our time of
19 greatest need, when there's a fire in our
20 house or around us in someone else's,
21 these firefighters are there all the time
22 ready to come out regardless of the
23 circumstances, regardless of the weather,
24 and it's a nice time for us to remember
25 that on the heels of these two storms.

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2 These gentlemen and ladies were there
3 24/7.

4 This is a resolution declaring
5 February 14th, 2010 "Firefighters
6 Recognition Day."

7 Whereas, Philadelphia's
8 Firefighters and Paramedics are on the
9 front lines of defense against a variety
10 of disasters that threaten life and
11 property. Thousands of citizens owe
12 their lives and safety to the dedication
13 and professionalism of our City's 2,243
14 Fire personnel; and

15 Whereas, in 2009, the
16 Philadelphia Fire Department responded to
17 448,007 total runs. Due to increased
18 publicity, continuous public education,
19 excellent service and fire safety
20 announcements, Philadelphians were able
21 to defend against the tragedy of fire;

22 Whereas, we recognize the
23 courage and commitment with which these
24 individuals perform their duties, despite
25 the dangers, stress and frustration which

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2 are their constant companions. We
3 encourage all Philadelphians to take the
4 opportunity to thank all Firefighters and
5 Paramedics for the excellent job they do.

6 Therefore, be it resolved, by
7 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
8 that we hereby express our gratitude to
9 all Firefighters and Paramedics in our
10 City and formally declare February 14th,
11 2010 as "Firefighter Recognition Day" in
12 Philadelphia.

13 Further resolved, that an
14 engrossed copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Bill Gault, President of the
16 Philadelphia Firefighters Union, as
17 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
18 this legislative body. And it's
19 co-sponsored by every member of Council.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair recognizes Mr. Gault for remarks.

23 MR. GAULT: Thank you very
24 much. I'll be brief.

25 Councilman Verna, members of

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2 City Council, guests and friends of
3 Philadelphia firefighters and paramedics,
4 on behalf of the more than 4,000
5 firefighters, medics, retirees and all of
6 the families represented by Local 22 of
7 the International Association of
8 Firefighters, let me express our deep
9 thanks for this resolution marking one
10 day, February 14th, as Firefighters
11 Recognition Day.

12 The resolution and your
13 unanimous support of it is a small
14 testament that expresses the gratitude of
15 all Philadelphians for the life-saving
16 services our members provide every day.
17 It is a thoughtful and touching action
18 and appreciation.

19 I assure you that we will read
20 the resolution at ceremonies we will hold
21 Sunday at our hall when we host our
22 brothers and sisters in ceremonies to
23 honor them and all of our fallen members
24 and their families. I encourage all
25 Council to attend these services.

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2 As President Lincoln said in
3 his most famous remarks at the dedication
4 of Gettysburg, "It is altogether fitting
5 that we do this." Yet, as Lincoln said,
6 "It is not up to us to neither consecrate
7 nor hallow the memories of those who have
8 given the last full measure of life with
9 their utmost effort so that others may
10 live and be safe." Firefighters and
11 medics do that every day through their
12 actions, their devotion and their
13 bravery, every day, every week, every
14 month, every year. Except contract
15 years, firefighters and medics are viewed
16 as heroes. They go about their duties
17 every day without second thoughts nor
18 complaint.

19 Last year, against our advice,
20 148 positions were eliminated. Engine
21 and ladder companies, against our advice,
22 were closed. And during 2009, we
23 suffered an increase in both civilian and
24 firefighter injuries.

25 Today, as both the firefighter

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2 and union representative, let me remind
3 you of Lincoln's challenge at the close
4 of his remarks. He stated, "Let us here
5 be dedicated to the great task remaining
6 before us."

7 This resolution is a wonderful
8 gesture, a kind remembrance that will be
9 appreciated by those families of the
10 fallen and injured, by those who serve
11 every day. But the resolution cannot be
12 an end; it must be a beginning if we are
13 to carry on. Today, I challenge you to
14 act in support of the men and women who
15 serve this great city. I ask you to be a
16 firm resolve to plead our covenant with
17 these civic heroes, be earnest for their
18 families. Help me protect their many
19 sons and daughters who will follow in
20 their footsteps and serve as heroes in
21 the future. Give them the tools to
22 perform their abilities. Reject
23 furloughs that will slash their wages,
24 reduce their abilities and diminish their
25 will. Provide them with the necessary

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2 healthcare to fix them when they are
3 hurt. Guarantee an adequate pension to
4 aid them as they age. Provide widows and
5 widowers with the strength and the means
6 to carry on without their partners.
7 Think of them, help them every day in
8 spirit and in action. Make every day
9 Firefighter Recognition Day.

10 City Council, thank you very
11 much.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco,
19 who will present a resolution honoring
20 the legacy of Carole Smith and
21 recognizing February 14th through
22 February 20th as the 11th Annual Black
23 Family Technology Awareness Week.

24 Will Ms. Wallace and those
25 accompanying her please join the

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2 Councilwoman at the podium.

3 I see that Councilwoman Tasco
4 is being joined by Councilwoman Miller,
5 Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Jones.

6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. We're here today to
9 recognize the Black Family Technology
10 Awareness Week. I see Stan Straughter in
11 the audience.

12 Would you please join us.

13 We would have had our Executive
14 Director of the Mayor's Commission on
15 Technology with us today, but God, in his
16 infinite wisdom, called her home on
17 January the 4th, and we will certainly
18 miss Carole I. Smith, because she brought
19 a lot to the City. She was a very good
20 friend, my traveling partner, my pinocle
21 partner. Through all of those
22 activities, never stopped talking
23 business. She was always on.

24 So I am pleased to share with
25 her daughter, Narissa, her friends and

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2 family here to present this resolution
3 honoring the life and legacy of Carole I.
4 Smith and recognizing February 14th
5 through the 20th as the 11th Annual Black
6 Family Technology Awareness Week.

7 Whereas, on Monday, January
8 4th, 2010, Carole I. Smith, Founder and
9 Executive Director of the Mayor's
10 Commission on Technology, departed this
11 life as a true public servant dedicated
12 to empowering the citizens of
13 Philadelphia through technology; and

14 Whereas, in 1996, Ms. Smith
15 founded MCOT and has received various
16 awards for focusing the City of
17 Philadelphia on the importance of
18 technology in shaping the City's 21st
19 century economy; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
21 Ms. Smith has served three Mayors as
22 Executive Director of MCOT, was the
23 President and CEO of Workforce 2000
24 Initiative, was a columnist for The
25 Neighborhood Leader, a community

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2 newspaper, hosted a weekly radio program,
3 Carole's Corner on Technology, on 900 AM
4 WURD, and produced and hosted MCOT's
5 weekly webcast/cable TV program,
6 "Philadelphia's Got IT" on Comcast, the
7 City's and the School District's cable
8 channels, and MCOT's website; and

9 Whereas, in 2006, Carole was
10 selected by the Pennsylvania Commission
11 for Women's Inaugural Role Model Book,
12 "Voices," and was inducted into the 3E
13 Institute's Educator 500 Program at West
14 Chester University as an entrepreneurial
15 educator, and she was inducted into
16 Temple University's League for
17 Entrepreneurial Women's Hall of Fame in
18 2004, and in 2002 appointed a Fellow at
19 Temple University's Fox School of
20 Business and serves as an Adjunct
21 Professor at Lincoln University; and

22 Whereas, with an MS in Public
23 Administration, Ms. Smith was educated at
24 Yale University, Occidental College and
25 Temple University, and she was the

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2 President of the Greater Philadelphia
3 Chapter of the National Forum for Black
4 Public Administrators and a member of the
5 Board of Directors of the National Urban
6 League Fellows, Inc., Community College
7 of Philadelphia, American Women's
8 Heritage Society, Wireless Philadelphia,
9 WYBE Channel 35, the Mayor's Office of
10 Community Services, the Mayor's Task
11 Force on Reintegration, National
12 Coalition of 100 Black Women,
13 Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
14 Oversight Board and the Executive
15 Advisory Council of the CIO Forum and
16 Executive IT Summit; and

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
18 MCOT, in remembrance of Carole I. Smith,
19 will be coordinating citywide activities
20 on the 11th Anniversary of the Black
21 Family Technology Awareness Week,
22 February 14th through 20th; and

23 Whereas, to promote this
24 initiative, MCOT is partnering with the
25 School District of Philadelphia, IBM,

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2 Sunoco, Black Data Processing Associates,
3 National Society of Black Engineers, the
4 Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board
5 and various local African
6 American-operated for and non-profit
7 organizations, to assure Philadelphians
8 have technological skills and knowledge
9 necessary to compete in the Digital Age;
10 and

11 Whereas, the purpose of the
12 Black Family Technology Awareness Week is
13 to change how African Americans perceive
14 science, technology, engineering and
15 math, STEM, and recognize that vigilance,
16 education and exposure are necessary to
17 ensure digital equity and that African
18 Americans are able to qualify, compete
19 and participate in today's knowledge
20 economy; and

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And
22 whereas, the purpose of Black Family
23 Technology Awareness Week supports and
24 advances Mayor Nutter's goal of making
25 Philadelphia the country's premier

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2 education city, by reducing the high
3 school dropout rate and increasing the
4 number of Philadelphians with a four-year
5 college degree; and

6 Whereas, data from the United
7 States Department of Commerce NTIA Report
8 entitled, quote, "Digital Divide," end
9 quote, show that even though all racial
10 groups now own more computers than they
11 did in 2001, blacks and Hispanics still
12 lag even further behind in the levels of
13 PC ownership and online access; and

14 Whereas, during Black Family
15 Technology Awareness Week, events will
16 take place throughout Philadelphia to
17 disseminate information and help African
18 Americans understand the many ways in
19 which technology will continue to have a
20 major impact on how we learn, work, live
21 and play, as well as understand the
22 contributions they have made thereto.

23 Now, therefore, be it resolved

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: By the
25 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that

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2 we hereby honor the life and legacy of
3 Carole I. Smith as the Founder and
4 Executive Director of the Mayor's
5 Commission on Technology and recognize
6 February the 14th through the 20th as the
7 11th Anniversary of the Black Family
8 Technology Awareness Week.

9 Further resolved, that an
10 engrossed copy of this resolution is
11 presented to Mrs. Narissa Wallace and
12 representatives of the Mayor's Commission
13 on Technology as an expression of the
14 appreciation of this legislative body for
15 her mother's extraordinary body of work
16 to empower the citizens of Philadelphia.

17 This resolution was introduced
18 by all of those standing here and it's
19 supported by all members of City Council.
20 We thank you all so much for the life of
21 Carole Smith and the wonderful work she
22 gave to the City of Philadelphia and to
23 young people in the School District, who
24 she dearly loved. Thank you all so much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Ms. Wallace for remarks.

4 MS. WALLACE: Thank you very
5 much, City Council President and City
6 Council. It is truly my honor to accept
7 this award on my mother's behalf.

8 Although there was never a
9 budget allocated for Black Family
10 Technology Awareness Week, she did her
11 best to make it happen every year through
12 the support of organizations and
13 corporations like IBM, Xerox, Comcast
14 Corporation, BDPA, Drexel University,
15 Temple University, among others, and so I
16 felt as though the last thing I can do is
17 make sure that this week continued again
18 this year.

19 So with that being said,
20 despite the weather, hopefully everyone
21 can come out and participate in this
22 year's events and acknowledge
23 contributions that African Americans have
24 made in science, technology, engineering
25 and math, and make this event successful

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2 once again this year.

3 Thank you very much once again,
4 and God bless everybody.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Councilwoman Blackwell, did you want to
11 be recognized?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: At the
13 appropriate time when I introduce a
14 resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 next order of business is communications.
20 The Chair requests that the
21 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
22 the Chief Clerk.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the messages from the Mayor.

25 CHIEF CLERK: There are no

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2 messages from the Mayor, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you. Do you have any other
5 communications in your possession?

6 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
7 Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The next order of business is
11 the introduction of bills and
12 resolutions.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer two
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
20 the first resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 recognizing and honoring the life of
23 Representative John Patrick Murtha who
24 was the first Vietnam combat veteran to
25 serve in Congress and Pennsylvania's

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2 longest-serving House member.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
6 adoption by a standing yes vote.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 standing will be voting in favor of the
9 resolution.

10 (All Councilmembers standing.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 resolution is adopted.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of the second resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 congratulating the New Orleans Saints on
17 winning the 2010 Super Bowl.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
21 President, I move dat, I move dat, I move
22 dat resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
24 there a second?

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and seconded that the
4 resolution be adopted.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 ayes have it and the resolution is
12 adopted.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
17 three resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
20 the first resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 approving the University of
23 Pennsylvania's proposed revision to its
24 Institutional Development District Master
25 Plan.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. I move for the
6 adoption of the 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 calling on the nations of Africa and
22 Haiti to provide free public education,
23 free daily feeding programs, immunization
24 and health facilities in all public
25 schools.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. This resolution is
7 co-sponsored by Councilman Jones and
8 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez, and I move
9 for its adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 ayes have it and the resolution is
22 adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 calling on President Barack Obama to
25 extend for eighteen months beyond March

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2 31, 2010 the deferred enforced departure
3 status of Liberian immigrants currently
4 residing in the United States.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President. Before I call for
10 its adoption, may I be recognized?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
12 Certainly.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. This is a very
15 important resolution, and I'd like to
16 introduce some people who are here today
17 who are interested in its adoption. They
18 are, of course, the Chairman of the
19 Mayor's Commission on African and
20 Caribbean Immigrant Affairs, the
21 Honorable Stan Straughter. I'd ask them
22 to stand. Mr. J. Shiwoh Kamara,
23 President of the Liberian Association of
24 Pennsylvania; Mr. Anthony Kesselly,
25 National President of the Union of

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2 Liberian Associations in the Americas;

3 Mr. Sam Slewion, Liaison of the

4 Immigration Task Force for the Union of

5 Liberian Associations in the Americas;

6 Reverend John Jallah, Director of the

7 Agape Center for Senior African Citizens

8 in Philadelphia on South 63rd Street;

9 Mr. Francis Duwanz, Chairman, Board of

10 Directors, Liberia Association of

11 Pennsylvania; Mr. Dahn K. Dennis,

12 Vice-President, Liberian Association of

13 Pennsylvania; and attorney Mike

14 Slotznick, volunteer at HIAS and Council

15 working with the Union of Liberian

16 Associations in the Americas.

17 We thank them and all who have

18 come with them to certainly join in the

19 request for the adoption of this

20 resolution.

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 is
8 adopted.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
13 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
14 resolutions today.

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

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
21 resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I don't
3 have any bills or resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Green.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I have no bills or
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair thanks the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have four bills, two
24 of them co-sponsored by Councilmen
25 Greenlee, Green, Clarke, Krajewski and

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2 Reynolds Brown, and two resolutions
3 co-sponsored by Councilmen Kenney,
4 Clarke, Greenlee, Krajewski, Reynolds
5 Brown, Miller and Rizzo.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chief Clerk will please read the first
8 bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia
11 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual
12 Conduct and Activity," by adding
13 provisions prohibiting the intimidation
14 of witnesses and victims of crimes,
15 providing fines for violations.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 providing for the submission to the
21 qualified electors of the City of
22 Philadelphia of a proposed amendment of
23 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, set
24 forth in a Resolution approved by
25 Council, to authorize Council to provide

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2 that fines imposed for violation of any
3 ordinance prohibiting witness and victim
4 intimidation must be paid into a special
5 fund to be used only for assistance to
6 victims.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
13 adding a new Section 14-1640, entitled
14 "Ridge Avenue Special District Controls."

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
20 changing the zoning designations of
21 certain areas of land located with an
22 area bounded by 59th Street, Lancaster
23 Avenue, 52nd Street, Woodbine Avenue, and
24 Upland Way.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

1 2/12/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 bill will also be referred to the

3 appropriate committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

5 urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly

6 to restore the cuts to witness relocation

7 programs and the State-Local Firearms

8 Task Force.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for a

11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

13 Madam President. Since the resolution

14 was not circulated 24 hours in advance, I

15 move for the rules of Council to be

16 suspended to permit consideration of this

17 resolution today.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

20 in favor will indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 2/12/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 ayes have it and the motion carries.

3 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 seconded that the
9 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 proposing an amendment to the
20 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
21 authorize Council to provide that fines
22 imposed for violation of any ordinance
23 prohibiting witness and victim
24 intimidation must be paid into a special
25 fund to be used only for assistance to

1 2/12/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 victims and witnesses.

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

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Councilman Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer no bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer one resolution
17 today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing the Committee on Public
22 Health and Human Services to hold
23 hearings to investigate the emergence of
24 national and local adult and childhood
25 obesity as an epidemic.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
3 resolution will be referred to the
4 appropriate committee.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilman -- I'm sorry. Would you move
7 for the adoption, please.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I would ask that the
10 rules of Council be suspended as my
11 resolution was not circulated within the
12 last 24 hours.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
15 in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 ayes have it and the motion carries.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move for the

1 2/12/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

5 has been moved and seconded that the

6 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 will be
14 referred to the appropriate committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
18 President, I have no bills or
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
25 President, I have two resolutions.

1 2/12/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
4 the first resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
9 Philadelphia, without consideration,
10 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
11 title to certain City-owned lots or
12 pieces of ground, situate in the
13 Twenty-Ninth, Forty-Third and
14 Forty-Seventh Wards of the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
19 the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 2/12/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 calling for the Planning Commission to
10 investigate and determine means by which
11 the City of Philadelphia can affect the
12 placement of Satellite Dishes and Cable
13 antenna on building facades.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
15 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
18 the adoption.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

1 2/12/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

5 ayes have it and the resolution is

6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman

8 Kelly.

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

10 President, no bills or resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

13 The next order of business is

14 reports from committees, and the Chair

15 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report

16 from the Committee on Rules.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

18 Madam President. The Committee on Rules

19 reports three bills with favorable

20 recommendations.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please

24 read the report.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

1 2/12/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
4 which was referred Bill No. 090704,
5 entitled "An ordinance establishing a
6 neighborhood improvement district in the
7 area that generally includes Cheltenham
8 Avenue with boundaries of Wadsworth
9 Avenue on the west and Broad Street on
10 the east, Ogontz Avenue with boundaries
11 of Cheltenham Avenue on the north and
12 67th Avenue on the south and Wadsworth
13 Avenue with boundaries of Cheltenham
14 Avenue on the northeast and Michener
15 Avenue on the southwest, to be known as
16 the Greater Cheltenham Avenue Business
17 Improvement District"; and

18 Bill No. 090852, entitled "An
19 ordinance amending Chapter 14-1800 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning Board
21 of Adjustment,' to provide that the
22 Zoning Board of Adjustment shall require
23 any persons seeking a variance from the
24 terms of Title 14 to be current in
25 payments of all taxes imposed under Title

1 2/12/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 19"; and

3 Bill No. 090927, entitled "An
4 ordinance to amend the Institutional
5 Development District Master Plan of the
6 Fox Chase Cancer Center, located at 333
7 Cottman Avenue, by allowing for the
8 construction of a new building to be used
9 as a comparative medical research
10 facility," respectfully reports it has
11 considered and amended the same and
12 returns the attached bills to Council
13 with a favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
19 President, I move that the rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit
21 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
22 090704, 852 and 927.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 2/12/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 the rules of Council be suspended so as
3 to permit first reading this day of the
4 bills just reported from committee.

5 All those in favor will say
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 ayes have it, and the bills just read
13 will be placed on our First Reading
14 Calendar for today.

15 Councilwoman Tasco, I think at
16 this point we should ask for a leave of
17 absence for Councilwoman Sanchez. I
18 think there was some misunderstanding as
19 to what time we would be having Council
20 session today.

21 Excuse me, Mr. DiBerardinis,
22 she's in the building?

23 MR. DiBERARDINIS: She's on her
24 way in.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Am I

1 2/12/10 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 supposed to ask for a leave of absence if
3 she's on her way in?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: She's
5 on her way in. I don't know if people
6 want to wait that long.

7 How far is she?

8 MR. DiBERARDINIS: I think we
9 should ask for the leave of absence.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
11 President, on behalf of the majority, we
12 ask for a leave absence for Councilwoman
13 Maria Quinones-Sanchez.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Leave
15 will be --

16 (Councilwoman Sanchez entered
17 Chambers.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
19 here she is.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I withdraw
22 that request.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 next order of business is the
25 consideration of the Calendar. I note

1 2/12/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 that the bills just reported from
3 committee with suspension of rules have
4 been deemed to have had a first reading.

5 The bills will be placed on our Second
6 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
7 the next session of Council. There are
8 no additional bills on the First Reading
9 Calendar. Therefore, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the
11 purpose of calling up the bills on the
12 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
13 to be considered today.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. All bills are being
16 held today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 Are there speeches on the part
20 of the minority?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
23 there speeches on the part of the
24 majority?

25 The Chair recognizes

1 2/12/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

4 you, Madam President. We tried to get

5 your attention earlier. I neglected to

6 mention that on both resolutions, one

7 with regard to Liberia, the other with

8 regard to Africa and Haiti, all three are

9 co-sponsored by Councilman Jones,

10 Councilman Kenney and Councilwoman

11 Quinones-Sanchez.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

14 You're welcome.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman

16 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

18 Madam President. I overheard in the

19 hallway a comment that I thought was

20 cute. They said that hell must have

21 froze over because City Council is

22 working on a Friday, and I just wanted to

23 thank you for being diligent and having

24 us bring in a Council session on Friday

25 in spite of the snow.

1 2/12/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 But I rise today to talk about
3 and thank publicly the District Attorney
4 Seth Williams for bringing us over for a
5 lunch discussion last week. Lunch was
6 important, but the discussion was even
7 better. Food for thought. We talked
8 about a lot of important issues, and one
9 of them that came up that stuck was the
10 problem that the justice system often has
11 with witness intimidation and witness
12 relocation, and when the subject came up,
13 I noticed a lot of the Assistant District
14 Attorneys nodding their head in
15 understanding as to the gravity of that
16 problem.

17 One of the things that we have
18 called for today as a body is the
19 restoration of the cuts from the state on
20 that important program going from 850,000
21 to be restored back to a million dollars,
22 which is not enough money even though 60
23 families on average are impacted and
24 relocated by that fund. What we're
25 calling for this body and this government

1 2/12/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 to do is support that program. Without
3 that vital, essential tool, many
4 witnesses don't show up. Many of the
5 criminal element know this and are able
6 to influence witnesses sometimes through
7 cash considerations and sometimes through
8 something more insidious such as
9 violence.

10 We need to increase that
11 penalty. It is not cute. It is not
12 nice. We will deal with it harshly in
13 order for people to feel free to utilize
14 the justice system to make sure that
15 criminals are punished.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 You're welcome.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I'd just like to note
23 for the record today that today is the
24 last day of my staff attorney and
25 legislative aide, Lauren Vidas. She's

1 2/12/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 leaving my office in City Council to go
3 work for the Administration, and I'm
4 excited for her, it's a terrific
5 opportunity.

6 She was instrumental in many of
7 the things that my office worked on over
8 the past two years - the dumpster bill,
9 the cell phone bill. She took care of
10 ethics issues, not just for my office but
11 for many people in Council. She helped
12 arrange labor and pension hearings which
13 talked about the amount of deficit in our
14 pension system and hopefully will
15 eventually lead to some resolutions to
16 that, and she assisted in Harrisburg on
17 the passage of House Bill 1228, which is
18 what gave us the sales tax for five
19 years. She was up there working closely
20 with the unions to get a bill that was
21 acceptable to everybody.

22 So I just want to thank her for
23 her service to City Council and say I
24 look forward to working with her in her
25 new role.

1 2/12/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We
4 all thank her and wish her every success.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Madam President. In Councilman DiCicco's
10 absence today, it's my pleasure, it's my
11 sad pleasure because he's moving on, but
12 it's my pleasure to say a final farewell
13 from this body to Brian Abernathy. I
14 talked to him earlier before the session
15 started and I didn't realize that he had
16 worked here more than six years. I mean,
17 that was an amazing stint of time.

18 He is an extremely smart,
19 capable individual, very hardworking, has
20 left his imprint on this body and on this
21 city, and we know he will move over to
22 the private sector task force and
23 continue to contribute to this government
24 in so many ways.

25 I will particularly miss him

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2 because his personality at times can be a
3 bit cranky and with him going, I may be
4 the crankiest person again here. He
5 really gave me a pass sometimes, he made
6 me look good.

7 But thank you very much, Brian,
8 and congratulations, and congratulations
9 on your new baby too, to you and your
10 wife.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
14 there any other speeches on the part of
15 the majority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
18 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move that Council
23 stand adjourned until Thursday, February
24 25th, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 2/12/10 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
5 February 25th at 10:00 a.m.

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 ayes have it. The motion carries.

13 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
14 11:20 a.m.)

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