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## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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## PUBLIC HEARING

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## BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Room 400, City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, March 12, 1998  
9:32 a.m.

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BILL NO. 980118 - An Ordinance authorizing as a  
place for burial the Founder's  
Grove, located on the grounds of  
the Schuylkill Center for  
Environmental Education,  
8480 Hagy's Mill Road.

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## PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY, Chair  
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER  
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH

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

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Good morning,  
4 ladies and gentlemen. This is a public hearing  
5 before the Committee of the Rules, in  
6 consideration of Bill No. 980118, an Ordinance  
7 authorizing as a place for burial the Founder's  
8 Grove, located on the grounds of the Schuylkill  
9 Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy's  
10 Mill Road.

11 We will now hear from Councilman Nutter  
12 who is offering testimony in support of this bill.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you and good  
14 morning, Mr. Chairman and Members of the  
15 Committee.

16 I've come to offer two documents from  
17 the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education,  
18 which have been transmitted to my office.

19 The first is a letter from the  
20 Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, the  
21 second is a Board resolution from the  
22 organization.

23 (Reading aloud letter.)

24 Dear Councilman Nutter:

25 The Board of Trustees of The Schuylkill

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2 Center for Environmental Education has unanimously  
3 agreed, via telephone poll, to approve the request  
4 by the family of Richard L. James, Executive  
5 Director Emeritus, to allow for his burial in The  
6 Schuylkill Center's Founders' Grove.

7 As the Board of Trustees' next meeting  
8 is March 24, 1998, attached is a copy of the  
9 Resolution approved by the Executive Committee on  
10 February 18, 1998.

11 The Board of Trustees of The Schuylkill  
12 Center greatly appreciates your help in this  
13 matter.

14 Sincerely,

15 Tracy R. Kay, Executive Director

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17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: And the resolution,  
18 Mr. Chairman, reads:

19 By an unanimous decision of the  
20 Executive Committee, the Schuylkill Center for  
21 Environmental Education approves the request made  
22 by the family of Richard L. James, Executive  
23 Director Emeritus, to allow for his burial in The  
24 Schuylkill Center's Founders' Grove. This is an  
25 exception in recognition of Mr. James' longtime

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2 service and dedication to this organization.

3 Approved this 18th day of February,  
4 1998.

5 Signed by Mr. John A. Affleck,  
6 Chairperson for the Schuylkill Center for  
7 Environmental Education.

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9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Mr.  
10 Chairman. And that concludes my testimony.

11 The family eagerly awaits rapid  
12 approval of this particular rule request. And I  
13 would also ask for a suspension of the rules to  
14 allow for first reading at our next session.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you for your  
16 testimony.

17 Are there any other --

18 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I just want to  
19 just say a word about Dick James.

20 I was in the organization of the  
21 Schuylkill Valley Nature Center, its original  
22 name. And Dick James was the heart and soul of  
23 what I think is one of the most useful  
24 organizations that we have in the Philadelphia  
25 area. He was a wonderful person to work with.

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2 And it is, indeed, I think, an honor to  
3 this City to have him stay with us in the  
4 legislation that we're asking for today.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very much  
6 for your comments.

7 Are there any other members who wish to  
8 be heard at this time?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Seeing none, that  
11 concludes the testimony on this bill.

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13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Now we're at the  
14 public meeting.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
16 Longstreth for a motion on the bill.

17 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: So moved.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Seconded.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It has been moved  
20 that Bill No. 980118 be reported out of this  
21 Committee with a favorable recommendation, and  
22 there's request for suspension of the rules to  
23 allow for first reading at Council's next session.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: All in favor, say

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2 aye.

3 All those opposed, say no. None  
4 opposed.

5 Bill No. 9801188 is, therefore,  
6 reported out of this committee with a favorable  
7 recommendation and a request to allow first  
8 reading of next Council session.

9 Thank you very much for your  
10 attendance.

11 (Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing  
proceedings of the Council of the City of  
Philadelphia of Thursday, March 12 1998 were  
reported and accurately by me, and that this is a  
correct transcript of same.

RE: COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON RULES  
BILL NO. 980118

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO, RPR