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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

4 I note that the hour has come and that a quorum of
5 this Council is present. The Council will come to
6 order, Members will take their seats, and visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair recognizes Pastor Patrick Quainco of the
10 Christian Faith Ministries. He is here today as a
11 guest of Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

12 All Members and guests will please
13 rise.

14 (All rise.)

15 REVEREND QUAINCO: Let us pray.

16 Heavenly Father, we thank You for granting us a
17 day such as this. For you, O, God unless You
18 build a house, deliverance is built in vain.
19 Unless, O, God, You keep this city the watchman of
20 this city, it's watched in vain.

21 Heavenly Father, we have come as sons
22 and daughters of this city to take counsel and to
23 reason with each other. You have ordained this
24 day for Your people to come together, as you did,
25 O, God, for our forefathers, for the fathers of

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2 this nation, as they got together for the freedom
3 as we enjoy today.

4 Lord, we ask You for wisdom. Lord, we
5 ask You for knowledge. We ask You for
6 understanding, to understand the purpose for which
7 we were born and to understand the purpose for
8 which we are guided here this morning. Lord, we
9 ask You to bless this meeting. Let Your will be
10 done on earth, in our lives, as You purpose in
11 heaven.

12 We thank You, Father, that You have
13 given us a day to be alive. We thank You, Lord,
14 that you have given us the opportunity to be the
15 people whom You have called to reason for Your
16 city. Lord, we thank You for the life of the
17 Mayor, we thank You for the life of the Council
18 President. We thank You, Father, for every family
19 represented here.

20 And, Lord, we ask You to take control.
21 Come in the midst of Your people and lead us to
22 the right direction where our children, Father,
23 will know that without You, it is impossible for
24 us to take a step to our destiny. Help us, help
25 us, we ask you. Smile upon Your people once

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2 again. Call, O, God, our names, be proud of us.

3 As we humble ourselves before You this day, bless
4 us with divine wisdom and divine knowledge, divine
5 understanding of why we are here.

6 O, God, we thank You. In the name of
7 Jesus, we pray. Amen.

8 ALL: Amen.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 thanks Pastor Queno for his very inspiring
11 invocation.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council stands at ease, then resumes
14 business.)

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
17 your light is on. Do you care to be recognized?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm not even
19 there.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The next order of business is the
22 approval of the meeting of April 13, 2000. The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good morning.
25 Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the Journal

1 JOURNAL APPROVAL, LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 of April 13th stand approved.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
5 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
6 the meeting of Thursday April 13, 2000, stand
7 approved.

8 All those in favor will signify by
9 saying aye.

10 Those opposed, nay.

11 The ayes have it and the motion is
12 carried. The Journal of Thursday, April 13, 2000,
13 is approved.

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15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
16 order of business is requests for leaves of
17 absence. And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
21 of absence on the part of the Majority.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 thanks the Councilwoman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
3 President. On behalf of the Republicans, there
4 are no requests for a leave of absence.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 thank the Councilman.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 will dispense with the regular of order of
10 business to recognize the guests and visitors
11 joining in chambers this morning.

12 On behalf of all Members of City
13 Council, I welcome you to our Council session this
14 morning. We appreciate your taking the time to
15 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of
16 our city, and we certainly invite you to come
17 again.

18 Today, we have students from the Albert
19 M. Greenfield School visiting us in Council. They
20 are 6th-graders, and they are accompanied by their
21 teacher, Miss Carolyn Matthews. I ask that the
22 entire group rise at this time to be recognized by
23 the Council and those in attendance. We welcome
24 you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.

3 Before I call upon Councilman DiCicco,
4 I would like to say something about our next
5 honoree, Mr. Kenneth Gamble, who I have worked
6 with very closely in the last several years. He
7 was born in our city and has been very active, not
8 only throughout this region but especially in my
9 Councilmatic District and that of Councilman
10 DiCicco.

11 And I am proud to say that Mr. Gamble
12 does live in my district. Welcome. My neighbors
13 and I owe Mr. Gamble a debt of gratitude for his
14 commitment to our city, and I just want to say
15 that we are all very, very pleased to have him
16 with us this morning.

17 I would now ask Councilman DiCicco and
18 Mr. Gamble and anyone else with Mr. Gamble to
19 please come forward so that we could make the
20 presentation.

21 (Mr. Gamble et al. come forward.)

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Everyone wanted to
23 know where all these people were coming from and
24 for whom -- now you know.

25 I just want to make mention, Madam

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2 President, that Congressman Bob Brady wanted to be
3 here this morning. In fact, when I mentioned to
4 him that we were doing this resolution, he had
5 indicated that it was his intention to be here
6 because he's known Kenny for a long time and
7 wanted to be here, but other obligations have not
8 permitted him to be here this morning. But you
9 know, Kenny, he sends you his best.

10 MR. GAMBLE: Thank you very much,
11 Councilman.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Good morning.
13 This is a resolution honoring Kenneth Gamble.

14 Whereas, Kenneth Gamble was born in
15 Philadelphia on August 11, 1943 from. A very
16 young age, he was involved in music. Along with
17 Leon Huff, he is known as the preeminent producer
18 of soul music of the '70s. Together they founded
19 Philadelphia International Records for which they
20 wrote music, developed songs, produced and
21 marketed records for such artists as the O-Jays,
22 Teddy Pendergrass, Howard Melvin and the Blue
23 Notes, among others; and

24 Whereas, "The Sound of Philadelphia"
25 not only speaks to the African-American

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2 experience, but also reflects the multi-ethnic
3 heritage of Philadelphia. The Sound of
4 Philadelphia established Philadelphia as a
5 regional center for the music industry; and

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas Kenneth
7 Gamble has received numerous accolades and awards
8 for his achievements in the music industry. He
9 has received two Grammys, is the founder and past
10 chairman of the Black Music Association, cofounder
11 of the Philadelphia Music Foundation, and, with
12 Leon Huff, has been inducted into the Philadelphia
13 Music Foundation's Walk of Fame, the National
14 Academy of Songwriters Writers Hall of Fame, and
15 in February 1999, the Grammys Lifetime
16 Achievement Hall of Fame; and

17 Whereas, Kenneth Gamble's talent and
18 energy are by no means limited to music, his
19 commitment to making Philadelphia a better place
20 for all people has never waivered, and he has
21 constantly worked to improve the lives of others.
22 He has dedicated his resources to rebuilding the
23 community through Universal Community Homes, which
24 has begun one of the largest neighborhood
25 revitalization projects in the City; and further

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2 demonstrating his commitment, he and his wife
3 moved from the suburbs to the 15th and Christian
4 Street neighborhood, which, through his efforts,
5 will become a model of neighborhood revitalization
6 nationwide;

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Therefore,
8 resolved by the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia that we hereby honor and commend
10 Kenneth Gamble. We thank him for his fine work on
11 behalf all of the citizens of Philadelphia and
12 wish him continued success in his endeavors.

13 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
14 of this resolution be presented to Kenneth Gamble
15 as evidence of the admiration and sincere respect
16 of this legislative body. To paraphrase Mr.
17 Gamble, respect each other because respect creates
18 power, honesty, and strength.

19 Certification that this is a true and
20 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
21 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the
22 17th day of February of the year 2000, signed by
23 the Council President, Anna C. Verna, introduced
24 by myself, and cosponsored by all Members of City
25 Council.

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2 And just to echo a little bit on what
3 the Council President said, I've got to know you
4 over the last couple of years. You have already
5 made a major difference in the 1st Councilmatic
6 District, but I think, more importantly, you're
7 making a difference for the entire city. And
8 you're one of those people who have really put
9 their money where their mouth is. By moving back
10 into the city, you have no idea how happy you've
11 made all of us, and I think you really send a
12 message that Philadelphia is a city that's on the
13 move -- and I think that's probably the lyrics to
14 one of your songs.

15 (Laughter.)

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: And we're on the
17 move and we're going to continue to be on the
18 move. And thank you very much and
19 congratulations.

20 (Standing ovation.)

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

23 MR. GAMBLE: Thank you. Thank you very
24 much.

25 Council President and members of City

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2 Council, and especially Councilman DiCicco and
3 Councilman Kenney, I'd like to greet you all with
4 peace. Salaam aleikum.

5 AUDIENCE: Aleikum salaam.

6 MR. GAMBLE: Always in my heart, I
7 remember our creator.

8 The minister who gave the prayer this
9 morning, it seems it was a favorite scripture of
10 mine about, in Ancient Romans, I think it is that
11 the minister was speaking about, of how the
12 laborers work in vain unless God is helping you to
13 build the house.

14 And we ask for God's help. To help us
15 build and rebuild South Philadelphia, this
16 community that we're working on. And it's a great
17 message for the City of Philadelphia and for the
18 United States of America, that without the help of
19 almighty God, then we're all working in vain. So
20 a country, which its pledge of allegiance that
21 speaks of in God, "one nation under God," then we
22 really should make it that way. So that's what
23 we're doing at Universal Community Homes -- we are
24 not forgetting the input of almighty God.

25 Second of all, I'd like to thank my

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2 family. And my wife, Fatimah, would you give her
3 a big hand.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. GAMBLE: And my son Salvadeen (ph.)
6 is in the back, back there. He's a little quiet,
7 he's been working in the studio. Give Salvadeen a
8 big hand, please.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. GAMBLE: Thank you. And my
11 daughter Tamelia (ph.), she's up here with us on
12 stage.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. GAMBLE: This was a tremendous task
15 to take on, and I really thank my family for
16 working along with me and supporting this whole
17 concept.

18 Third and last, I would like to thank
19 all of the people. I guess you see all of these
20 people up here with me, and there's probably a
21 more in the audience -- like Imam Shamsadeen Ali
22 (ph.), who just came in. Would you come up,
23 Brother Imam. And Imam Fareed (ph.), would you
24 come up, please.

25 And I don't suppose -- and Bruce, too,

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2 you can come up too. I mean, everybody is here,
3 you know, I think they invited everybody.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. GAMBLE: And anyone else who came
6 here for this, you can come up here, too, because
7 this is not something that I'm doing for myself.
8 This is not something that. . . that I need to do.
9 This is something that must be done, and that's
10 the way --

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. GAMBLE: And the reason why I say
13 that it must be done and that's the reason why I
14 made the decision. And I need your support, this
15 Council. I need your support in all that we're
16 doing.

17 It must be done, because as a young man
18 who grew up in Philadelphia, South Philadelphia,
19 15th and Christian, who had a wonderful childhood,
20 went through the public school system. Thank God
21 that all the experiences that I was able to have
22 in Philadelphia helped me to write an enormous
23 amount of songs. All those songs were through my
24 experiences in life.

25 But my consciousness, as I read more

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2 about the meaning of life and looked at the
3 example of the great prophet, Mohammed, and said,
4 What is a man's life unless he is serving others?
5 When we ride through our communities, this Council
6 has power, this city has power to change the
7 conditions that are in our communities.

8 I bring forward with you today -- this
9 is our general council. We have members here of
10 the Modolista (ph.) Shore, which is the governing
11 body of the Muslims. We also have the board of
12 directors of Universal Community Homes. I wanted
13 them all to be here with me today so that you
14 would see part of the people -- we have more
15 people than this.

16 We're going to move to change the
17 environment in this city for the future. It must
18 be done. The commitment that has been made --
19 this is not a game, people's lives are involved,
20 children's lives are involved. And so this
21 commitment that has been made -- and I thank you
22 for this honor, because that indicates to me that
23 you understand what we are doing. And difficult
24 as the task may be, we are here to work with you,
25 working together to solve the problems for the

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2 future.

3 Last but not least, I'd like to ask
4 Abdul Raheem Islam (ph.), which many of you know,
5 and I want you to give him a big round of
6 applause.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. GAMBLE: And I'd also like to
9 recognize and recognize and thank Brother Shaheed
10 Dawan (ph.). Where you at, Shaheed? Right here.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. GAMBLE: These are the brothers who
13 we have worked very hard with, and we've grown
14 from a little organization and we're going to be a
15 much better and bigger organization.

16 I think you should feel good about
17 Philadelphia. Do you feel good about
18 Philadelphia?

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. GAMBLE: 'Cause I feel good about
21 Philadelphia. I feel good about Philadelphia so
22 much that my whole life has been Philadelphia.
23 Everywhere I've gone, all over the world, it's
24 been nothing but Philadelphia, promoting
25 Philadelphia so much so that the name of our

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2 record company was called "Philadelphia
3 International," known all over the world. So much
4 so that we wrote a song called "The Sound of
5 Philadelphia," which was number one all over the
6 world.

7 I believe that Philadelphia is a city
8 of firsts. There's a book out called
9 Philadelphia, the City of Firsts, where the first
10 of everything was here -- the first hospital, the
11 first ice cream company, everything you could
12 think of. I was amazed at all of the things that
13 were first in Philadelphia.

14 I believe that Philadelphia can be the
15 first to end this devastation that's eroding,
16 corrupting our communities. Let's make
17 Philadelphia the "City of Firsts" once again to
18 work together and end this devastation that's
19 going on in our African-American and minority
20 communities. You can do it, this Council can do
21 it.

22 We're going to be watching you. We're
23 going to be watching you, and today is the
24 beginning of a new day, because I make a pledge to
25 you that I want to watch and I also want to work

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2 with you so that we can change the conditions in
3 our community.

4 I leave you with this. There's Ideeth
5 (ph.), and Ideeth is something that was reported
6 that the prophet said. It's reported that the
7 prophet said -- peace be upon him -- that no
8 believer, whomever you are, no believer can eat
9 your fill while your neighbor goes hungry.

10 So I look in this room and it seems to
11 me that we have a lot of people in here who are
12 doing pretty good, that are eating your fill. So
13 when you're eating your lunch and eating your
14 dinners, remember that this is a community that is
15 starving. And this does not mean food; this could
16 mean opportunity. Why should you have all the
17 opportunity and no one else has no opportunity.
18 Why should there be a group that has all the
19 information and another community that has no
20 information. So let's try to work together.

21 And remember that the choice is up to
22 you and we're going to be a watchdog group right
23 here, we're going to watch you and we're going to
24 be there at every moment. So let's get our
25 schools together, let's get the economy together,

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2 let's fight. Let's bring back that revolutionary
3 spirit that was here in Philadelphia from the
4 beginning.

5 And not to hold up Council. I thank
6 you, Council President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
8 (Applause.)

9 MR. GAMBLE: And I'd like to thank all
10 of you. Thank you very much.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Before you
13 leave, please, the Chair recognizes the very
14 popular Mary Mason for some brief remarks, please.

15 (Mary Mason comes forward.)

16 MS. MASON: Thank you, Madam Chairman
17 and to all the Councilmembers.

18 I knew this was Bring-Your-Child-to-
19 Work Day, so I brought my child to work with me.
20 I simply want to say that he is the most for-real
21 person I've known. Part of what I am today is
22 because of the calls in the late hours of the
23 night, middle of the day from Kenneth Gamble.
24 Many a times I wanted to quit, I wanted to give
25 up. And you know what he kept saying to me? "You

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2 can't go." I said, "Why can't I?" You can't go.
3 He never told me a reason, but I found out, in
4 this project. And I thank him for it.

5 And I thank all of you for honoring my
6 brother.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
9 be at ease.

10 (Council stands at ease, then resumes
11 business.)

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

16 During this week, we have been
17 especially mindful of the sacrifices made by our
18 armed forces during the Vietnam War, and today we
19 are honoring Chapter 266 of the Vietnam Veterans
20 of America.

21 I ask Councilman Mariano to please come
22 forward to present the resolution, and I would ask
23 Mr. Tom Finnerty and those accompanying him to
24 please join the Councilmen at the podium.

25 (Vietnam vets et al. come forward.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes, the
3 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I apologize for
5 interrupting. There's a gentleman who's being
6 honored today, a major who --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry, I
8 can't hear you. Just a minute, Councilman.

9 Councilman DiCicco?

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: There's an article
11 that was lost by a major who's here today. It's a
12 clustered --

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Yeah, he lost a
14 bronze star.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: A bronze star. If
16 anyone sees it on the floor, would you please
17 bring it to either the Council President or to me.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you.

20 Could Councilman Rizzo, Councilwoman
21 Miller, and Councilwoman Krajewski help me with
22 this.

23 (Councilmembers come forward.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
3 President. We're going to start this now.

4 A resolution declaring the week of
5 April 24th through April 30th as "The Anniversary
6 for the End of the Vietnam War Commendation Week"
7 in Philadelphia.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, April
9 29, 2000 is the 25th anniversary of the fall of
10 Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War; and. . .

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, May 7th is
12 the 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam
13 era, as declared by President Gerald Ford;
14 and. . .

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas, many
16 Philadelphians served our nation during the
17 Vietnam War; and

18 Whereas, many Philadelphians were
19 killed and disabled during in the Vietnam war;
20 and. . .

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, the
22 National Vietnam Veterans of America and the
23 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 266 are
24 commemorating the end of the Vietnam War and the
25 Vietnam era by holding several public seminars of

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2 the Vietnam War and reading the names of the
3 58,213 Americans on the Vietnam War memorial;
4 and. . .

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, the reading
6 of the 58,213 names will occur over a 54-hour
7 period between today, Thursday, April 27th, and
8 Saturday, April 29th, now, therefore. . .

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Be it resolved by
10 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
11 honor Chapter 266 of the Vietnam Veterans of
12 America for their efforts on behalf of the Vietnam
13 veterans and all of the veterans.

14 And be it further resolved that the
15 week of April 24th through April 30th be
16 designated as "The Anniversary of the End of the
17 Vietnam War Commemoration Week" in Philadelphia.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you.

19 And I just want to take this special
20 time. Councilwoman Miller is one of the
21 Councilpeople here that we all know and love, and
22 her brother lost his life. He was a member of the
23 101st Airborne in Vietnam, and he was a casualty
24 of one of those wars. So I just wanted everyone
25 to know that.

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2 Thank you very much.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I'm sorry.

5 There's one part that we forgot.

6 Further resolved that this week, April
7 24th through 30th be designated as "The
8 Anniversary to End Vietnam War Week" in
9 Philadelphia, signed by Council President Verna
10 and all the Members of City Council.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

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

15 MR. FINNERTY: Thank you, Council
16 President. I'm not going to say too much now. I
17 would like to thank you. For the 58,213 men that
18 are on the wall, I'd like to thank you, City
19 Council. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
22 be at ease.

23 Oh, is there anyone else that would
24 like to make remarks?

25 (Stephen Uchniat comes forward.)

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2 MR. UCHNIAT: Thank you, Madam
3 President, City Council President, Madam -- I
4 don't know what to call you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: You're fine.

6 MR. UCHNIAT: Okay. And the
7 Councilmembers for endorsing this.

8 The City of Philadelphia has, through
9 the years, really supported veterans of -- God,
10 since this country started. But you can look no
11 farther than down in South Philly where Veterans
12 Stadium was named after -- named for veterans
13 during a very, very unpopular war. And that took
14 a lot of guts from the City of Philadelphia and,
15 at that time, the City Councilmembers to do
16 something like that.

17 They've also helped with building our
18 beautiful Vietnam Veteran Memorial down at Penn's
19 Landing and to keep the upkeep of that and the
20 ceremonies they have there. Just the City of
21 Philadelphia has been very supportive of veterans
22 over and over again, naming parks, streets,
23 playgrounds, and everything like that.

24 As Tom Finnerty said earlier, we're
25 here to observe the 25th anniversary of the

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2 Vietnam War. It's been over 30 years for me. I'm
3 very lucky that I seen the horrors of the war but
4 not as much as some of my colleagues and members
5 back here. I'm very proud of color guard for what
6 they do, and they represent the City in every way.
7 And I feel that they are probably the best color
8 guard in the City of Philadelphia, and I'm very
9 proud of them.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. UCHNIAT: And 58,000 -- over 58,000
12 men were killed in Vietnam. And to put that into
13 perspective, since all you read about is stadiums
14 anymore, that would fill up every seat in Veterans
15 Stadium for a baseball game, with standing room
16 only. So that's a lot of, lot of people.

17 We also remember the 645 men from
18 Philadelphia who died. It's our duty to remember
19 them. And for as long as it can be, as long as
20 there's a Vietnam veteran that can breathe, they
21 will remember them in Philadelphia, and I'm sure
22 Philadelphia will remember them into the future.

23 And with that I'd like to thank youse
24 for coming out today for supporting this bill.
25 There isn't a day goes by that I don't know that

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2 I'm a Vietnam veteran, as I'm sure everybody
3 here. Will all Vietnam veterans in the audience
4 please stand up, please.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. UCHNIAT: One more thing. That was
7 presented to Chapter 266, but if we could rip that
8 up and just give everybody a piece of that, you
9 guys deserve it just as much as anybody. I'm up
10 here and you guys are down there, and there's guys
11 all over this country that are remembering this
12 week.

13 And I thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
16 be at ease.

17 (Council stands at ease, then resumes
18 business.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Every year we
20 in Council recognize Take Your Daughter to Work
21 Day in our city. This is that day, and I want to
22 personally welcome all of the young people who are
23 with us today.

24 Would those who are observing the day
25 please -- the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
3 President. Today with me, as usual, is my
4 granddaughter, Charlie Tasco.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.
6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We're going to
10 try this. It's working, good, okay. Thank you.
11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 Today I have four young ladies with me
13 on Take Your Daughters to Work Day, and as I call
14 their names, hopefully they will stand. They're
15 sitting to my left. We have La'Asia Bey, who's 11
16 years old, in 4th grade, at Our Lady of Grace
17 school, and she is the niece of my staff person,
18 Jenelle Lemon.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: We have Nahiera
21 Rush, who is age 9 and goes to Rowan Williams
22 School, and she is the granddaughter of my staff
23 person, Theresa Pinkett.

24 And we also have LeAndra Rush, who is
25 also the granddaughter of Theresa Pinkett, and

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 LeAndra is age 11.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And earlier, my
5 own daughter that's no stranger to Council,
6 Shakira Miller, was here. She's a high school
7 student but she had to leave to take care of some
8 important business. Being in town, she was trying
9 to get her junior driver's license permit at 11th
10 and Market. So thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Wonderful,
12 wonderful. Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
14 President..

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,
19 Madam President. I am pleased to. . .

20 (Inaudible.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman,
22 is your microphone on? We can't hear you.

23 We will be having a new system in the
24 summer months.

25 (Applause.)

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you very,
3 very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That's much
5 better.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: With me today is
7 Alex Woods, a 6th-grader 10-year-old from Voorhees
8 Middle School, one of my nieces. And joining her
9 is her older sister, Candice Woods, a 7th-grader,
10 a 12-year-old. Also there's a former dance
11 student of mine, Desiree Gardner, currently a
12 12th-grader, who will soon be entering my alma
13 mater, Penn State University, fall of 2000.

14 And, finally, we have "Say Yes to
15 Education" students with us from West
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Wonderful.
18 Welcome.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.
20 (Applause.)

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

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
24 President. With me today are two young ladies.
25 One is Sarah Nivala (ph.), who's 7 years old,

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 standing to my left. And also Alexa Gordon, who
3 is the daughter of Bruce Gordon of Channel 29, and
4 she's 9 years old. She's in the press box.

5 (Applause.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
9 President. Today I have three guests for Take Our
10 Daughters to Work Day. From the Benjamin Franklin
11 High School, I have Madaline Santiago and Teresa
12 Alslop (ph.).

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: And I have a
15 daughter of one of my staffers, Gloria Valdez --
16 Michela (ph.) Valdez.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: She's about as
19 excited to be here as we are, I think.

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
24 President.

25 I think somebody pulled a fast one on

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 me today. My son told me that they changed Take
3 Your Daughter to Work Day to Take Your Children to
4 Work Day. And he seems to be the only male here.

5 (Laughter.)

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: He's very happy to
7 be here but he's much happier not to be in
8 school. My son, Brendan, 10 years old.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And I would like to
11 say hello to my daughter Nora, who is home with a
12 slight fever and she couldn't come today. So
13 thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
19 President.

20 I have a couple honorary daughters here
21 from Ben Franklin High School, Asia White and
22 Makia Dunn -- if they could stand.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I also have here
25 Patria Bryant, the sister of Latrice Bryant, my

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2 executive assistant, if she would stand.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Also, Danea Frazier,
5 the niece of Rhashida Perry, my special assistant,
6 if she would stand.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Also, Valencia
9 Adorno, daughter of Leslie Adorno, my
10 administrative assistant, who is here.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: As well as my two
13 nieces, Sharese and Toni Trufant.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Daughters of Murial
16 Goode-Trufant and Reverend Anthony Trufant, of
17 Brooklyn, New York. If they would stand.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you very
20 much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 Would anybody else like to be
23 recognized?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Then we will

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2 go on with our business.

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
5 order of business is communications.

6 The Chair requests that the
7 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
8 Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will read the
9 messages from the Mayor.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: To the president and
11 Members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that I
13 have today signed the following bill that was
14 passed by Council at its session on April 13,
15 2000? Bill No. 000105.

16 And I am transmitting an ordinance
17 herewith for the consideration of your honorable
18 body, an ordinance creating the Silver City Tax
19 Increment Financing District and approving the
20 project plan of the Philadelphia Authority for
21 Industrial Development for the redevelopment of
22 the Silver City Tax Increment Financing District
23 to execute documents and to do all things
24 necessary to carry out the intent of this
25 ordinance.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
3 will be printed in the Journal. The clerk will
4 read any other communications in her possession.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: I have none.

6 - - -

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
8 order of business is the introduction of bills and
9 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell for a motion.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
12 President, I move that the rules of Council be
13 suspended to permit immediate consideration of
14 resolutions at the time of their introduction.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
18 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
19 consideration of resolutions at the time of
20 introduction.

21 All those in favor of the motion will
22 signify by saying aye.

23 Those opposed, nay.

24 The ayes have it and the motion is
25 carried.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer one bill and one privileged
5 resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
7 will please read the title of the bill.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
9 the provisions of Title 21 of the Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding a new
11 chapter entitled, "Vehicle Registration,"
12 providing for the placement for the placement of
13 motor vehicle registration stickers, all under
14 certain terms and conditions.

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

17 The clerk will please read the title of
18 the resolution.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
20 Charles Barkley on the occasion of his retirement
21 from the National Basketball Association.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion is
10 adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. This morning, I present one
15 resolution on your behalf that is signed by each
16 member of City Council, and one bill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chief
18 clerk will please read the title of the bill.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
20 Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "City Funds, Deposits, investments,
22 Disbursements," by amending Section 19-201,
23 entitled, "City Depositories," by authorizing the
24 City Treasurer to deposit funds in Sovereign Bank,
25 under certain terms and conditions.

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

4 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
5 honoring Barbara J. Kaplan.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
9 President, I move for the adoption of the
10 resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
12 second?

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it and the resolution is
21 adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
24 offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

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2 will please read the title of the resolution.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
4 the work of the Action Alliance of Senior Citizens
5 as it holds its 27th Annual Senior Power
6 Convention.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
10 move the adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor will signify by
16 saying aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it and the resolution has
19 been adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
23 President, I offer one resolution sponsored by
24 Councilman Mariano and the President of City
25 Council and myself.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
6 the City Council Committee on Streets and Services
7 to hold public hearings to examine the number or
8 problems regarding the issuance of parking tickets
9 related to the street-sweeping pilot program being
10 conducted in various neighborhoods throughout the
11 City.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
13 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Council President,
18 I have two resolutions, one I'm introducing with
19 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown and Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
21 The clerk will please read the title of the first
22 resolution.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
24 the Committee on Education to hold hearings on the
25 effects of the digital divide on students in the

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2 Philadelphia public schools to investigate ways to
3 bridge the divide in public schools and to compare
4 current efforts in Philadelphia with initiatives
5 in other states.

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

9 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
11 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
12 of the City of Philadelphia a deed situate in the
13 7th, 19th, and the 37th Wards of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
18 adoption of these resolutions.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All those in favor will signify by
24 saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
7 have no bills or resolutions today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 thanks the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Miller.

12 (Councilwoman absent from chambers at
13 this time.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: She has one
15 ordinance and one resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
17 will please read the title of the bill.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance granting
19 permission to Chestnut Hill Academy, 500 Willow
20 Grove Avenue, to construct, use, and maintain one
21 water distribution line, one sleeve with two
22 telecommunication conduits, and one spare sleeve
23 under and across Willow Grove Avenue.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
25 be referred to the appropriate committee.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
3 declaring May 1st to May 7th, 2000 as "Special
4 Olympics Philadelphia Week."

5 (Councilwoman Miller returns to
6 chamber.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Miller to move for the
9 adoption of her resolution.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I move for the adoption of the
12 resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

19 Those opposed?

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
24 have no bills or resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I have three resolutions: one
6 cosponsored by my colleague Councilman Goode,
7 another by Councilman Nutter, and a third
8 resolution cosponsored by Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 The clerk will please read the title of the first
11 resolution.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution proclaiming
13 May 11th 2000 as "Equal Pay Day."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam Chair.
17 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it and the resolution has

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2 been adopted.

3 The clerk will please read the title of
4 the second resolution.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution endorsing
6 the policy initiatives and May 14th March of the
7 Million Moms March on Mother's Day, 2000.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam Chair.
11 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All those in favor will signify by
17 saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the resolution is
20 adopted.

21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 the resolution.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution proclaiming
24 May 4, 2000 as "Jury Appreciation Day."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam President, I
4 move for the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor will signify by
10 saying aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the resolution is
13 adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

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

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I have
21 one resolution that I wish to speak on.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
23 will read the title of the resolution.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution commending
25 Attorney General Janet Reno for confirming this

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2 country's commitment to family values by reuniting
3 Elian Gonzales with his father.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I'd like to speak on
7 the resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye
16 --

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
18 wish to speak on the resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh, I'm
20 sorry.

21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I'm the
22 father of a child that, on April 19th, celebrated
23 his sixth birthday. And there's a kid that's six
24 years old in Miami that recently lost his mother,
25 it's a Cuban little boy named Elian. My son,

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2 watching TV with me, has really identified, and he
3 says, "Elian is on TV." When I'm away and Elian
4 comes on, he comes over and says, "Elian is on TV,
5 Dad."

6 Some people have tried to use this
7 little boy as a political football, a symbol, and
8 have kept him away from his father -- his
9 grandmothers, his cousins -- since Thanksgiving.
10 They have disobeyed the law of this country and,
11 more than anything else, they have caused grave
12 damage to the ability of that child to grieve for
13 the loss of his mother together with his father.
14 And now they're trying to rewrite the family laws
15 of this country.

16 My son, who is six years old, cannot
17 talk about socialism or capitalism or tell me the
18 merits or the demerits of the other ones. He sees
19 the world through the eyes of his mother and
20 through my eyes and the eyes of those people who
21 surround him. We give him the base of stability
22 and love that he needs.

23 I am very glad that Janet Reno is the
24 attorney general of this country, 'cause she
25 showed incredible courage, political and moral

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2 courage, to do what she did this past weekend, and
3 that was to bring together a family that needed to
4 be brought together. And I just want to commend
5 her because she's damned if she does and she's
6 damned if she doesn't, as Joanie told me.

7 And I'm glad that my colleagues, such
8 as Blondell Reynolds, Joan Krajewski, Wilson
9 Goode, Jr., David Cohen, Marian Tasco, everybody
10 here, has solidified with this sentiment of a
11 family coming together. She is being unduly
12 criticized by people who want to keep on fighting
13 the Cold War. The Cold War is over, there's a
14 family that needs to begin healing, there's a
15 child that needs his father. They are together.

16 Let us commend the lady who came into
17 the picture and brought back sanity into the
18 issue: Janet Reno, a lady of courage, a lady of
19 the law, a lady that I admire very greatly.

20 Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All those in
24 favor of the adoption of the resolution will
25 signify by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it, and the resolution
4 has been adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer four bills.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry?

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I offer four
11 bills.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
13 will please read the title of the first bill.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance creating
15 the Silver City Tax Increment Financing District
16 and approving the project plan of the Philadelphia
17 Authority for Industrial Development for the
18 redevelopment of the Silver City Tax Increment
19 Financing District, being the area generally
20 bounded by Broad Street on the west, and to do all
21 things necessary to carry out the intent of this
22 ordinance.

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

25 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property,
3 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to purchase
4 fee simple title to certain properties bounded by
5 Buttonwood Street, Hamilton Street, Nectarine
6 Street, Spring Garden Avenue, with any
7 improvements situate thereon located in the 5th
8 Ward, under certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is that a
10 bill?

11 MS. Rafferty: Yes, it is.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
13 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 MS. Rafferty: And an ordinance
15 authorizing Whole Food Market Growth, the tenant
16 of the property located at 939 South Street, to
17 construct and maintain various encroachments in
18 and on the north footway of South Street and the
19 east footway of Tenth Street.

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

23 MS. Rafferty: And an ordinance
24 granting permission to Girish Sanghvi, owner of
25 the newsstand located on the northwest corner of

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2 Tenth and Market Streets, to conduct, use, and
3 maintain an electric conduit and an electric
4 service line and a fiber optic conduit.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
10 have no bills or resolutions.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
15 have one ordinance.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
17 will please read the title of the bill.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
19 Section 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
20 "Posting of Temporary Signs," by adding a new
21 section prohibiting the placement of any temporary
22 sign that will cause damage upon removal or
23 application of all stickers to any street light
24 erected after January 1, 1995, on Broad Street,
25 between Lombard Street and Glenwood Avenue, under

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2 certain terms and conditions.

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Longstreth.

7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No bills or
8 resolutions today, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
12 bills or resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
14 Councilman.

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
17 order of business is reports from committees.

18 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell for a report from the Finance Committee.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. The Finance Committee reports
22 out one bill with a favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
24 will please read the report.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and

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2 Members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia: The Committee on Finance, to which
4 was referred Bill 000165, an ordinance amending
5 Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "City Funds, Deposits, Investments,
7 Disbursements," by amending Section 19-202,
8 entitled "Authorized Investments," by adding a
9 subsection on United States Treasury certified
10 community development financial institutions,
11 respectfully reports it has considered the same
12 and returns the attached bill to Council with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
18 be suspended in order to permit first reading of
19 Bill No. 000165 at today's Council session.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
22 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
23 Council be suspended in order to permit first
24 reading of Bill No. 000165 at today's Council
25 session.

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2 All in favor will signify by saying
3 aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it, and the rules of
6 Council have been suspended and Bill No. 000165
7 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco
9 for a report from the Streets and services
10 committee.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
12 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
13 reports four bills out with a favorable
14 recommendation.

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

17 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
18 Members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia: The Committee on Streets and
20 Services, to which was referred

21 Bill No. 000146, an ordinance amending
22 Section 2 of an ordinance approved March 23, 1999,
23 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the revision of
24 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
25 128";

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2 And Bill No. 000148, an ordinance
3 amending Title 12 of the Philadelphia Code,
4 entitled "Traffic Code," by adding provisions
5 regulating the parking of motorcycles at metered
6 parking spaces;

7 And Bill No. 000161, an ordinance
8 authorizing Anthony Lucidoni, owner of the
9 property 39 Oregon Avenue, to construct and
10 maintain a sidewalk cafe awning, electric sign,
11 and seasonal enclosure onto and over the north
12 footway of Oregon Avenue;

13 And Bill No. 000162, an ordinance
14 amending Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code,
15 entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting sidewalk
16 sales at various locations within the area bounded
17 by Reed Street, 21st Street, Morris Street, and
18 25th Street, under certain terms and conditions

19 respectfully reports it has considered
20 the same and returns the attached bills to Council
21 with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I move that the rules of Council be

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2 suspended so as to permit first reading this day
3 of Bills No. 000146, 000148, 000161, and 000162.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
7 Council be suspended in order to permit first
8 reading of Bill No.'s 000146, 000148, 000161, and
9 000162 at today's session of Council.

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed, nay?

13 The ayes have it, and those bills will
14 be placed on our first-reading calendar for today.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano
16 for a report from the Committee on Licenses and
17 Inspections.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President,
19 the Committee on Licenses and Inspections reports
20 two bills out with a favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
22 will read the report.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
24 Members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia: The Committee on Licenses and

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2 Inspections, to which was referred

3 Bill No. 000025, an ordinance amending
4 Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code by providing for
5 the installation of a fence or other protective
6 devices and other related measures after
7 demolition of a structure, under certain terms and
8 conditions;

9 And Bill No. 000061, an ordinance
10 amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code,
11 entitled, "Regulation of Individual Conduct and
12 Activity," requiring the retention of video
13 surveillance tapes in commercial businesses for 30
14 days after use of those tapes and regulating the
15 quality of those tapes

16 respectfully reports it has considered
17 the same and returns the attached bills to Council
18 with a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
22 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
23 to permit first reading this day for Bill No.'s
24 No. 000025 and 000061.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
5 of Bill No.'s 000025 and 000061 at today's Council
6 session.

7 All those in favor will signify by
8 saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and Bill No.'s 000025
11 and 000061 will be placed on today's first-reading
12 calendar.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke
14 for a report from the Committee on Labor and Civil
15 Service.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
17 President. The Committee on Labor and Civil
18 Service reports out one bill with a favorable
19 recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
21 will please reread the report.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
23 Members of the Council of City of Philadelphia:
24 The Committee on Labor and Civil Service, to which
25 was referred Bill No. 000108, an ordinance

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2 enacting a new Chapter 9-2300 of the Philadelphia
3 Code, entitled "Protection of Displaced Contract
4 Workers," and amending Section 19-2602, entitled
5 "License," to require that all contractors
6 awarded contracts for the performance of food and
7 beverage, hotel service, health care, janitorial,
8 or building maintenance services within the City
9 of Philadelphia, respectfully reports it has
10 considered and amended the same and returns the
11 attached bill to Council with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
16 move that the rules of Council be suspended in
17 order for the first reading of Bill No. 000108 at
18 this session of Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
21 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
22 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
23 of Bill No. 000108 on today's calendar.

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

1 FIRST-READING CALENDAR

2 Those opposed?

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

5 Are there any other reports from
6 committees?

7 (No response.)

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There being
10 none, the next order of business is the
11 consideration of the calendar.

12 The chief clerk will please read the
13 bills on the first-reading calendar.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000014, an
15 ordinance Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
16 relating to zoning and planning by amending
17 Chapter 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," by
18 adding a new 14-1619, entitled "Frankford Avenue
19 Special District Controls," under certain terms
20 and circumstances.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: And Bill No. 000062, an
24 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
25 changing the zoning designations of certain areas

1 FIRST-READING CALENDAR

2 of land located within an area bounded by
3 Carpenter Lane, Green Lane, Westview Avenue, and
4 Sherman Road.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 agrees.

7 MS. Rafferty: And Bill No. 000165, an
8 ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of the
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds, Deposits,
10 Investments, and Disbursements," by amending
11 Section 19-202, entitled "Authorized
12 Investments."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 agrees.

15 MS. Rafferty: And Bill No. 000146, an
16 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance
17 approved March 23, 1999, entitled "An ordinance
18 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
19 portion of City Plan No. 128," under certain terms
20 and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 MS. Rafferty: And Bill No. 000148, an
24 ordinance amending Title 12 of the Philadelphia
25 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by adding

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2 provisions regulating the parking of motorcycles
3 at metered parking spaces within certain portions
4 of an area generally bounded by Front Street, Pine
5 Street, 11th Street, and Bainbridge Street, under
6 certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 MS. Rafferty: And Bill No. 000161, an
10 ordinance authorizing Anthony Lucidoni, owner of
11 the property 39 Oregon Avenue, to construct and
12 maintain a sidewalk cafe, awning, electric sign,
13 and seasonal enclosure onto and over the north
14 footway of Oregon Avenue, adjacent to the property
15 39 Oregon Avenue.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 MS. Rafferty: And Bill No. 000162, an
19 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of the
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Sales," by
21 prohibiting sidewalk sales at various locations
22 within the area bounded by Reed Street, 21st
23 Street, Morris Street, and 25th Street, under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 agrees.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: And Bill No. 000025, an
4 ordinance amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia
5 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building
6 Construction and Occupancy Code," by providing for
7 the installation of a fence or other protective
8 devices and other related measures after
9 demolition of a structure, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: And Bill No. 000061, an
14 ordinance amending Title 10 of the Philadelphia
15 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct
16 and Activity," by requiring the retention of video
17 surveillance tapes in commercial businesses for 30
18 days after the use of those tapes, and regulating
19 the quality of those tapes.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: And Bill No. 000108, an
23 ordinance enacting a new Chapter 9-2300 of the
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Protection of
25 Displaced Contract Workers," and amending Section

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2 19-2602, entitled "License," to require that all
3 contractors awarded contracts for the performance
4 of food, beverage, hotel service, health care,
5 janitorial or building maintenance services within
6 the City of Philadelphia retain certain
7 non-supervisory employees of a previous contractor
8 for a 90-day transition employment period.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 agrees.

11 The bills just read by the clerk will
12 be placed on the second-reading and final-passage
13 calendar for our next reading. This concludes the
14 bills to be considered for the first-reading
15 calendar

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
19 of calling up the bills on the second-reading and
20 final-passage calendar.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Today, Bill No.'s 000027,
23 000110, 000120, 000139, and 000145 are called up
24 for second reading and final passage.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman,

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000120-A

2 did you call up Bill No. 000120-A?

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I sure didn't.
4 000120-A?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I only said
7 "120." Thank you for the correction.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 The clerk will please read the title of
10 Bill No. 000120-A.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
12 Section 2 of an ordinance approved January 5, 1999
13 entitled, "An ordinance authorizing the revision
14 of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
15 307," under certain terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
17 having been read on two different days, the
18 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

19 The clerk will call the roll.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000120-A
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: (Not present.).
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
23 Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000120-A

2 Is Councilman Ortiz in the room? I didn't hear
3 his vote. Is Councilman Ortiz in the room?

4 (No response - Councilman Ortiz not
5 present at this time.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please
7 proceed.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
13 Verna?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
16 majority of all Members having voted in the
17 affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The next bill to be called for
19 consideration is Bill No. 000027.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
21 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
22 zoning and planning by amending Chapter 14-1600,
23 entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding a new Section
24 1416-07, entitled "Special Controls for Walnut
25 Street," under certain terms and conditions.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000027

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
3 having been read on two different days, the
4 question now, is, shall the bill pass finally?

5 The clerk will call the roll.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000027

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

8 Madam Chair, I also wanted to be
9 recorded as voting aye on the previous bill,
10 120-A.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
12 will so reflect that.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
14 Brown?

15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
21 Verna?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

23 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
24 majority of all members of Council having voted in
25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000110

2 The next bill to be called for
3 consideration is Bill No. 000110.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to amend
5 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
6 zoning designations of certain areas of land
7 located within an area bounded by Frankford Avenue
8 and Knights Road.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
10 having been read on two different days, the
11 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

12 The clerk will call the roll.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000110
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
16 Brown?
17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
23 Verna?
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000139

2 majority of all members having voted in the
3 affirmative, this bill passes.

4 The next bill to be called for
5 consideration is Bill No. No. 000139.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
7 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of
8 City Plan No. 376 by striking from the City Plan
9 and vacating a portion of McNulty Road and a
10 portion of Meeting House Road and placing on the
11 City Plan of a right-of-way for drainage purposes.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
13 having been read on two different days, the
14 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

15 The clerk will please call the roll.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000139
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
19 Brown?
20 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000145

2 Verna?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
5 majority of all members of Council having voted in
6 the affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The next bill to be called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 000145.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
10 Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No. 980709)
11 approved December 30, 1998, entitled "An ordinance
12 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
13 portion of City Plan No. 46-S by extending the
14 period for compliance with the authorization
15 conditions therein."

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
17 having been read two different days, the question
18 now is, shall the bill pass finally?

19 The clerk will please call the roll.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000145
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
23 Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000145

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
9 majority of all members having voted in the
10 affirmative, the bill passes.

11 This concludes our consideration of the
12 calendar.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
15 speeches on the part of the Minority?

16 (No speeches on the part of the
17 Minority.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
19 speeches on the part of the Majority?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 Madam President, today, along with
25 Councilperson Reynolds Brown and Councilperson

1 SPEECHES

2 Goode, I introduced a resolution designed to deal
3 with what today is called "the digital divide,"
4 and that is, simply, a lack of access to computer
5 technology based on race, income, and ethnic.

6 There is no doubt that we are entering
7 an era where those without computer screens will
8 be left behind. I'm already seeing this divide in
9 the skilled trades. Today's electricians are
10 working with increased advanced technology
11 particularly in the telecommunications industry.
12 Today's building trades apprentices should be
13 learning more complex skills than their father's
14 did. However, unfortunately, in many cases, the
15 lack of computer skills is due to the lack of
16 access.

17 We in Council have shown concern about
18 attracting e-commerce to the City of
19 Philadelphia. However, I believe we must now
20 begin the process of figuring out how to bridge
21 that divide and provide everyone with an
22 opportunity to access these high-tech jobs of the
23 future, particularly our students from our
24 schools.

25 I'm looking forward to be working with

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 Councilpersons Brown and Goode and the rest of the
3 Education Committee. Thank you Madam, President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 Are there any other speeches on the
6 part of the Majority?

7 (No response.)

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9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
10 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
11 motion to adjourn.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
13 move that Council be adjourned until Thursday, May
14 4, 2000.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
18 adjourned until Thursday, May 4, 2000.

19 All in favor will signify by saying
20 aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it and Council will stand
23 adjourned until Thursday, May 4, 2000.

24 Thank you.

25 (Adjourned at 11:38 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, April 27, 2000, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

_____,
JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
Registered Professional Reporter