

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 060217)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Teen Writers Guild of Frankford High School, who published the first book entitled “What We Want to Tell You...” comprised of 16 students authored poems, short stories, essays and musical lyrics.

WHEREAS, These students were inspired by a visit in 2004 by author Judith Kristen, a Frankford High School alumna who came to talk about her novel, “The Purple Hat Gang”, then returned and conducted a series of writing workshops for the students; and

WHEREAS, These workshops, prepared by Magna Diaz, Frankford High School’s School Librarian for the past 8 years, and Judith Kristen focused on literacy and their creative writing, editing, revising, and grammar structure which culminated in the publishing of their written work; and

WHEREAS, The students in the Guild include Kameela Rivera, Melina Gracia, Lena Abdeljaber, Sana Raddad, Edwin Mattola, Isabelai Paniagua, Caitlin Costanza, Craig Aguilar, Kimberly Cothran, Adrienne Diehl, Enndy DelRosario, Francis Anthony Moll, Chaunnique Thomas, Alexander Hill, Christina Perez and Destine Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Each of these students contributed their own very unique and creative writing styles to this book, including subjects on love, loneliness, daydreams, deadbeat dads, wishes for peace between Israel and Palestine, a family member with Hepatitis C, and light hearted humor; and

WHEREAS, This book is being used in a graduate social-work course at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In April, Harvard University will be selling this book in their University bookstore; and

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WHEREAS, In May, the students will present the book to school librarians during a statewide conference; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia Schools CEO Paul Vallas said he will use Frankford as a model for writing guilds at other schools; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize and honor the great achievement by the Teen Writers Guild of Frankford High School who published their very first book entitled “What We Want to Tell You

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixteenth of March, 2006.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos and Krajewski

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Ramos, Krajewski, Goode, Blackwell, DiCicco, Tasco, Rizzo, Reynolds Brown, Kenney, Miller and Clarke