

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 140794)

RESOLUTION

Celebrating, honoring and thanking our veterans on Veterans Day 2014.

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is annually celebrated on November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which ended the hostilities of World War I between the Allied Nations and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated, with President Woodrow Wilson proclaiming: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations"; and

WHEREAS, In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I, and declared that the anniversary of the Armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 1938, the United States Congress enacted a law making November 11th of each year a legal holiday known as Armistice Day to be dedicated to "the cause of world peace" and to honor veterans who died in World War I; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks proposed and advocated for an expansion of Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I and on June 1, 1954, the United States Congress changed the name of the holiday from "Armistice Day" to "Veterans Day" and expanded it to honor all veterans, living and dead, wherever and whenever they served; and

WHEREAS, Our veterans have served us bravely and well throughout the history of the United States, risking—and often sacrificing—their lives to protect our lives, our

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property and our freedom, and they deserve our greatest gratitude and highest respect;
and

WHEREAS, The United Veterans Council of Philadelphia is an organization of the heads of veterans groups that provides leadership and advocacy, and effectively represents all veterans in the Philadelphia area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby celebrates, honors and thanks our veterans on Veterans Day 2014.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the United Veterans Council of Philadelphia symbolically on behalf of all veterans, and evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.

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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 ninth day of October, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Oh

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Oh, Squilla, Bass, Goode, Greenlee, Jones, Kenney, Blackwell, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Reynolds Brown and O'Neill