

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 100346)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and congratulating Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C. on their 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, In 1960, sitting around a musty conference room at the Land Title Building at Broad and Sansom Streets in Philadelphia, Norman Zarwin, Harris Baum and Lionel Prince decided that it would be easier to practice law as partners than as solo practitioners. They soon formed the law firm that fifty years later would be known as Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, The firm's humble beginnings belie the sophisticated, fifty-attorney law firm that currently sits in its meticulously appointed Philadelphia office on the 13th floor at 1818 Market Street and riding the waves of economic times – good and bad – the firm stayed true to the founding partners' goals of hiring top talent and providing excellent legal services at fair and competitive rates; and

WHEREAS, The firm has grown and prospered during the past five decades, expanding to three satellite offices in Bethlehem, Jersey City and Marlton. It has a diverse list of practice areas that include real estate, corporate, commercial litigation, environmental, banking, immigration, estates, custodial abuse and neglect, employment law, casualty defense and personal injury; and

WHEREAS, The law firm has always been fully committed to Philadelphia. Many of the members of the firm are extremely active in charitable, political and civic organizations. The leaders of the firm strongly advocate charitable involvement for all its employees. Included in this is the firm's charity of the month program, the Annual Turkey Give-Away to needy Philadelphia families and its March Madness Networking Event benefitting the local food bank, Philabundance; and

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WHEREAS, Norman P. Zarwin has been actively involved in a variety of charitable, philanthropic and civic organizations, serving as an officer and/or board member for Golden Slipper Club & Charities, Jewish National Fund Council of Philadelphia, Society for the Jewish Aged, B'nai B'rith and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. He has also served as chairman of the Scholarship Foundation of the Union League; and

WHEREAS, E. Harris Baum is Honorary Consul General for the Republic of Korea by appointment of the U. S. State Department and the government of Seoul, Korea working to encourage and furthering cooperation between Korean and Pennsylvania business in order to mutually expand their markets. He is a past president of Keneseth Israel and currently serves on the board of the synagogue. He is honorary chair of the Board of Governors of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia and past member of the Fairmount Park Commission. He also serves as a board member of the Pegasus Riding Academy and the Consular Corp of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Both Mr. Baum and Mr. Zarwin were honored last year by Magen David Adom, the Israeli Red Cross, for their substantial support of that organization; and

WHEREAS, The firm has had great success over the past fifty years and looks forward to continued growth, success and remains committed to help Philadelphia become an even greater city; as Philadelphia has benefited tremendously from Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council hereby recognize and congratulate Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C. on their 50th Anniversary.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C. as evidence of the sincere sentiments 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 thirteenth of May, 2010.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Kelly, Greenlee, Green, Rizzo, Kenney, DiCicco, Krajewski, Tasco, Miller, Sanchez, Jones, Blackwell, Council President Verna and Councilmember O'Neill