

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

(Resolution No. 050427)

RESOLUTION

Commending Jimmy Heath for receiving the Philadelphia Jazz Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Heath was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1926 and grew up as the middle brother of the legendary Heath Brothers; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, at the age of 21, he performed in the first International Jazz Festival in Paris; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath has performed with nearly all of the jazz greats of the last fifty years and has appeared on more than 100 recordings; and

WHEREAS, He has written upwards of 125 compositions which include many jazz standards recorded by artists such as Chet Baker, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Ray Charles and many others; and

WHEREAS, In addition to having taught jazz studies at multiple colleges, Jimmy Heath has also received three Grammy Award Nominations; and

WHEREAS, His career has been highlighted by numerous awards and honors including the Duke Ellington Fellowship at Yale University, American Jazz Master for the National Endowment for the Arts, and Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jazz Foundation of America; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Heath has been selected to receive the Philadelphia Jazz Achievement Award which celebrates the collaboration between The Mann Center and the School District of Philadelphia to recognize internationally acclaimed jazz artists and educators who attended Philadelphia public schools, and honors their creative achievements; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and commend Jimmy Heath on his receipt of the Philadelphia Jazz Achievement Award; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jimmy Heath as a symbol of this legislative body's gratitude for sharing his musical talents both locally and internationally.

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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 twelfth May, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Nutter

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Nutter, Cohen, Miller, Tasco, Mariano, Kelly,

Clarke, Ramos, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Kenney, Krajewski,

DiCicco, Rizzo, O'Neill and Blackwell