

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 010676)

RESOLUTION

Honoring Lincoln University and its President, Dr. Ivory Nelson.

WHEREAS, Lincoln University was founded in 1854 in Chester County, and since that year, the University has continued to grow in size, reputation, academic offerings and tradition. It was America's first Historically Black University and today, it ranks second among all colleges and universities in this entire country in graduating African Americans with baccalaureate degrees in the physical sciences; and

WHEREAS, This national distinction, especially commendable since the University's enrollment is only 1,850 students, represents Lincoln's commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarly activity and learning. The University has displayed determination to teach honestly, to preserve and expand knowledge and to remain an intellectual and cultural resource for the region. Thus it has come to be counted among our regional treasures and is held in high esteem throughout the academic community; and

WHEREAS, In August 1999, Lincoln gained additional luster with the appointment of Dr. Ivory V. Nelson as its President. A trained chemist, Dr. Nelson is among the world's top scientists. His career includes a Fulbright Lectureship and the presidency of Central Washington University. While remaining true to the University's mission, Dr. Nelson has taken dramatic steps to move the University forward in community outreach and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln University has especially distinguished itself in the physical and computer sciences, ranking in the very top of colleges and universities throughout the nation in graduating minorities with baccalaureate degrees in computer and information sciences as well as biological and life sciences. We note with great pride that Lincoln is the only university in Pennsylvania and one of only twenty universities nationwide where forty percent or more of its physics graduates are women; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor the Lincoln University family and commend its President, Dr. Ivory V. Nelson. Together they have made this Commonwealth, our Country and individuals from all walks of life stronger, smarter and more humanitarian, and we are grateful for their contributions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Ivory V. Nelson as evidence of the deep respect and sincere admiration 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 fifteenth of November, 2001.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Tasco and Goode

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Clarke, Ortiz, Miller, Mariano, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, O'Neill, Rizzo, DiCicco, Kenney, Longstreth and Cohen

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