

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

(Resolution No. 110455)

RESOLUTION

Honoring Wendy "Lady-B" Clark, hip-hop pioneer and one of the first female radio personalities to introduce the musical genre of hip-hop, for thirty years of dedication to her art and most importantly, her community.

WHEREAS, Wendy "Lady-B" Clark is an American rapper from West Philadelphia where she attended Overbrook High School. Wendy "Lady-B" Clark is one of the earliest female rappers in hip-hop history and one of the first to record a studio album and the first in Philadelphia, with the single "To the Beat Y'all"; and

WHEREAS, Even as women were subject to great discrimination in journalism and radio broadcasting, Wendy "Lady-B" Clark began her career with the W.H.A.T. radio station in 1979 where she was hired full time after serving as an intern; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her artistic achievements, Wendy "Lady-B" Clark has committed to using her resources and talent to improve the City of Philadelphia by using her radio talk show, "The Street Beat" as a community forum to discuss issues, as well as, promoting hip-hop music on air; and

WHEREAS, Wendy "Lady-B" Clark has received the world renowned "Entertainment Role Model of Excellence Award," as evidence of her high levels of commitment to the community and the youth of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Wendy "Lady-B" Clark has worked closely with the Peace and Love Foundation to promote anti-violence and peaceful resolutions to violence among the youth of Philadelphia; and address the effects of youth violence such as: flash mobs, bullying, verbal slurs, and lack of respect for life and elders; and

WHEREAS, Wendy "Lady-B" Clark hosted a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, to address violence amongst the young of Philadelphia with parents, administrators and legislators; now therefore,

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors Wendy "Lady-B" Clark, hip-hop pioneer and one of the first female radio personalities to introduce the musical genre of hip-hop, for thirty years of dedication to her art and most importantly, her community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Wendy "Lady-B" Clark 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 second of June, 2011.

Anna C. Verna PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Jones

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Jones, Goode, Reynolds Brown and Sanchez