

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 051118)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing, Honoring, And Celebrating Signe Wilkinson (who realized cartooning combined her interests in art and politics without taxing her interest in spelling) On The Occasion Of Her 20th Anniversary As Editorial Cartoonist *Par Excellence* For The Philadelphia Daily News.

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson began drawing the people she was supposed to be reporting on, realizing that cartooning combined her interests in art and politics without taxing her interest in spelling; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Signe Wilkinson's five cartoons a week for the Daily News, she has drawn Shrubbery, a hybrid comic strip/editorial cartoon that focused on both the botanical and political landscape; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson was awarded the 1991 Berryman Award; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson was awarded the 1992 Pulitzer Prize, being the first woman to win the prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson was awarded the 1997 and 2001 Overseas Press Club Award; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson was awarded the 2002 RFK Award; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson's most cherished honor was being named "the Pennsylvania State Vegetable Substitute" by the former speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson's editorial cartoons are syndicated by the Washington Post Writers Group; and

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WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson was the 1994-1995 President of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, a job Molly Ivins' likens to running a nursery school; and

WHEREAS, Signe Wilkinson has demonstrated her intelligence, depth, and humor, through the practice of her profession, and has thus positively influenced, political, social, and moral agenda of our City; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council Hereby Recognize, Honor, And Celebrate Signe Wilkinson (who realized cartooning combined her interests in art and politics without taxing her interest in spelling) On The Occasion Of Her 20th Anniversary As Editorial Cartoonist *Par Excellence* For The Philadelphia Daily News.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Signe Wilkinson as further evidencing the sincere admiration and gratitude 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 seventeenth of November, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Rizzo

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Tasco, Kenney, DiCicco, Miller, Council President Verna, Reynolds Brown, Ramos, Clarke, Blackwell, Nutter, Kelly, O'Neill and Krajewski