

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
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Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 260413)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and recognizing Chestnut Hill College and its Political Science Department for their commitment to academic excellence, diversity, civic engagement, and the advancement of future leaders, and further recognizing Dr. Jeffrey Carroll for his historic leadership in the field of political science.

WHEREAS, Chestnut Hill College, founded in 1924 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, an inclusive Catholic community whose mission is committed to transformative holistic education, just relationships, innovative thinking and responsible action toward a more unified global society and sustainable Earth; and

WHEREAS, Located within Philadelphia's 8th Councilmanic District, Chestnut Hill College plays a vital role in the educational, cultural, civic and ecological fabric of the City, whose community has made notable impacts in improving the communities in which we live, animated by the Sisters of St. Joseph tenet of an "active and inclusive love of the dear neighbor"; and

WHEREAS, The Political Science Department situated in the Center for Data of Society exemplifies these values by preparing students to become engaged, informed, and thoughtful global citizens through rigorous academic training by developing an appreciation of the diversity of communities and cultures, critical analysis of knowledge in the investigation of power, and civic identity, commitment and communication; and

WHEREAS, The Chestnut Hill College Political Science faculty and its longtime chair, Dr. Jacqueline C. Reich, bring extensive academic and professional experience inside and outside of the classroom, in which its students and alumni are active in public service throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including Philadelphia's elected delegation and their teams; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey Carroll, a distinguished member of the faculty, currently serves as President of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association and has made history as the first person of color to lead the nation's oldest state political science association, representing a significant milestone in advancing diversity and inclusion within the discipline; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Carroll's training in local government was derived from many years learning and absorbing knowledge as assistant to former Philadelphia Mayor and Council President John F. Street during their time together at Temple University, Carroll's graduate school alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carroll's leadership and accomplishments reflect the core values of Chestnut Hill College and serve as an inspiration to students, colleagues, and the broader academic and civic community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and recognizes Chestnut Hill College and its Political Science Department for their outstanding contributions to higher education, civic engagement, and the development of future leaders.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to representatives of Chestnut Hill College and Dr. Jeffrey Carroll as an expression of the sincere admiration and appreciation of the Council of the City of Philadelphia.

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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 twenty-third day of April, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Bass

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, Phillips, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Ahmad