

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

(Resolution No. 130791)

#### RESOLUTION

Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings on the state of affairs of veterans in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, There are roughly 88,000 veterans living in Philadelphia with service spanning World War II until the present, men and women, of all races, religions, ethnicities, gender-identifications, physical abilities; and

WHEREAS, Veterans experience success but also many challenges including posttraumatic stress disorder, addictions, incarceration, homelessness, and unemployment; and

WHEREAS, Women veterans require special services that involve special programs to address; and

WHEREAS, Veterans from past wars and peace time as well as those currently returning from overseas military duty to Philadelphia who are able bodied, responsible and have the ability to be assets to local employers; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Philadelphia City Council reorganized the Veterans Advisory Commission to better serve and advocate on the behalf of veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Philadelphia became the first City in America to establish a Veterans Tax Credit for employers who hire veterans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have served our Country and offer great leadership and talents to our City, but also deserve access to the full range of benefits, services and economic opportunities that they have earned; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby authorizes Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings on the state of affairs of veterans in 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-fourth of October, 2013.

Darrell L. Clarke PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Oh

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Oh, Jones, Blackwell, Reynolds Brown, Kenney, Greenlee, Goode, Johnson, O'Brien, Squilla, Bass, Council President Clarke and Councilmember O'Neill