

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 040824)

## RESOLUTION

Honoring and Commending Ione Nash for her decades of dedication to the Philadelphia dance community.

WHEREAS, Ione Shirley Osborne was born on October 1, 1923 and due to a medical condition was unable to walk until the age of four; and

WHEREAS, Married to Archie Lee Nash in 1944, she had been dissuaded from pursuing dance in her youth but early in her marriage decided that it was the dream that she wanted to chase; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nash began with the discipline of ballet but soon moved to the modern, jazz, tap and interpretive forms; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to expand opportunities for dancers she opened her own dance school in Germantown in 1960 which was trailblazing for it was the first African American business opened on Germantown Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The Ione Nash Dance Ensemble was established in 1960 as well and has gone on to perform and produce over 600 wonderful pieces, including, "Dance of the Witch Doll", "Dances of the Sacred Skull", "Fire Dance", "Warrior and the Panther", and "African Stool Dance"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nash has developed her own technique which she describes as, "BBACCMAJH'T" which is a meshing of Brazilian, Ballet, African, Cuban, Carribbean, Modem, American, Jazz, Haitian and Tap; and

WHEREAS, Ione Nash is still going strong today as she is teaching a Master's class in her technique; and

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WHEREAS, There is little doubt that she has touched almost everyone in the dance community in the City of Philadelphia through her extraordinary works and deeds; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby, honor and commend Ione Nash for her decades of dedication to the Philadelphia dance community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Nash to express the sincere sentiments of this City Council.

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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 of September, 2004.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

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