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

(Resolution No. 250755)

RESOLUTION

Also naming the 3300 block of Tilton Street as “Czerw Way” to honor the life and legacy of John Czerw.

WHEREAS, Czerw’s Kielbasa has been a staple in Port Richmond since 1938 when Jan Czerw converted a horse stable into a shop, selling kielbasa, golabki, pierogi and other authentic Polish delicacies; and

WHEREAS, For almost ninety years, the Czerw family has served not only traditional Polish food but also their community, becoming known for their generosity and commitment to assisting customers and neighbors in times of need; and

WHEREAS, John Czerw, the grandson of Jan, had become the heart and soul of Czerw’s, carrying on his grandfather’s legacy, when he took over the shop with his older brothers Dennis and Jeff after their father Ted retired, providing the same authentic recipes to customers over the decades and treating all who entered the store like an old friend; and

WHEREAS, John’s unwavering dedication ensured that the same cherished, authentic recipes were served for decades, and his warm spirit made every customer feel like family; and

WHEREAS, John Czerw became a local legend, supporting neighborhood events, championing other local businesses, and forging lasting relationships throughout Port Richmond; and

WHEREAS, John Czerw sadly passed away in June 2025, just 2 days shy of his 55th birthday, devastating the Czerw family and all those he touched with his kindness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby renames the 3300 block of Tilton Street as “Czerw Way” to honor the life and legacy of John Czerw and the impact the Czerw Family has had on the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the Czerw family, further evidencing the sincere respect and admiration 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 eighteenth day of September, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Driscoll

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Driscoll, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, O'Neill and Squilla