

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
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(Resolution No. 250294)

RESOLUTION

Honoring United States Senator Cory Booker for his courageous and historic 25-hour Senate floor speech, standing in defense of America's core democratic principles and Constitutional values.

WHEREAS, On March 31, 2025, at 7:00 PM, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey commenced a continuous speech on the floor of the United States Senate, which lasted for 25 hours and 5 minutes, setting a new record for the longest individual speech in Senate history; and

WHEREAS, The previous record for the longest individual Senate speech was held by a Senator who spoke in opposition of the Civil Rights Act for 24 hours and 18 minutes in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Upon taking the floor, Senator Booker declared his intention to disrupt "the normal business of the United State Senate for as long as [he was] physically able", signaling his commitment to defending and democratic and Constitutional values at a time of unprecedented crisis; and

WHEREAS, During his speech, Senator Booker emphasized the threats to the nation's core principles, asserting that U.S. commitment to justice, equality, and democracy is under attack; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his marathon speech, in order to maintain control of the Senate floor, Senator Booker remained standing for the entire of the 25-hour period, not even stopping to eat. He was joined by other democratic senators who asked questions and provided support, allowing him brief moments of rest; and

WHEREAS, Senator Booker's speech was thoroughly prepared, drawing from 1,164 pages of material, including reading letters from numerous constituents under impacted by the Administration's actions; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Booker's marathon speech served as a meaningful act of resistance, aiming to inspire both his colleagues and the American public to remain proactive in safeguarding the nation's democratic principles and processes; and

WHEREAS, This act of endurance and dedication drew national attention, inspiring people across the country and reinforcing the importance of active participation in democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, Senator Booker's demonstration serves as a reminder that we must remain vigilant in defending the democratic values that form the foundation of our nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors United States Senator Cory Booker for his courageous and historic 25-hour Senate floor speech, standing in defense of America's core democratic principles and Constitutional values.

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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 third day of April, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Phillips for Council President Johnson

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Phillips, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Bass and Ahmad