

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 090224)

## RESOLUTION

Honoring and Recognizing the West Philadelphia High School Automobile Academy for Mechanics and Engineering and the Hybrid X Team on their Participation in the Automotive X Prize Competition to Develop and Market a Car that Gets One Hundred Miles to the Gallon.

**WHEREAS**, The West High School Automobile Academy has won several awards for engineering environmentally responsible automobile proto-types including the first-place prize in the 2005 and 2006 Hybrid K-1 Attack, a competition to develop a car achieving 100 miles per hour in four seconds while achieving at least 60 miles to the gallon; and

**WHEREAS**, The current competition will give the Academy an opportunity to win a share of the \$10 million purse, in a contest that pits the Academy against one hundred other teams from around the world including colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hybrid X Team is the only team comprised entirely of high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, The Team is confident of its chances with Team member Sekou Kamara saying, "We can easily achieve 100 mpg. We built a car that had 200 mpg"; and

**WHEREAS**, The Team is employing a light-weight carbon body and a hybrid electric engine that runs on bio-diesel; and

**WHEREAS**, The competition also requires the teams to develop a plan to sell ten thousands units per year, emphasizing the need to build cars that are both environmentally responsible and pleasing to consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, Programs like the Automobile Academy give students hands-on training that keeps them interested in school and equips them with marketable skills for life after graduation; and

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**WHEREAS**, We are proud and excited to support the West Philadelphia High School Automobile Academy for Mechanics and Engineering and the Hybrid X Team as they participate in this challenging competition; now therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, That the Philadelphia City Council hereby honors and recognizes the West Philadelphia High School Automobile Academy for Mechanics and Engineering and the Hybrid X Team on their Participation in the Automotive X Prize Competition to Develop and Market a Car that Gets One Hundred Miles to the Gallon.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Academy and the Hybrid X Team as a sincere expression of this Council's appreciation and recognition.

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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 nineteenth of March, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell and Green

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Green, Goode, Sanchez, Greenlee, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Jones, Miller, Clarke, Kenney, Tasco, Rizzo, Reynolds Brown and O'Neill