

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 051038)

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

WHEREAS, Paul Robeson contributed significantly to Philadelphia, and the world, through his activism and his work as an artist, performing in plays such as *All God's Chillun Got Wings* and *Showboat*; and

WHEREAS, The West Philadelphia Cultural Alliance (WPCA), founded by Frances Aulston in 1984, has restored Paul Robeson's Philadelphia home and established a community center with the purpose of keeping his legacy alive as well as helping to further his ideals through arts programs; and

WHEREAS, The Paul Robeson House reaches out to the community of West Philadelphia by organizing and supporting offsite programs and projects that teach of Paul Robeson and his legacy; and

WHEREAS, The Paul Robeson house supports local arts and champions the power of the arts to promote social and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The WPCA not only educates about Paul Robeson and promotes his ideals of tolerance, but also stresses the importance of historic preservation for the good of future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Paul Robeson House is renowned as an important historic site, having been recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission and the National Register; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Paul Robeson Cultural Center and honor Frances Aulston for her dedication to the legacy of Paul Robeson and the potential of the arts to push society forward.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Frances Aulston as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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RESOLUTION NO. 051038 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the third of November, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown and Blackwell

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