

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260645)

RESOLUTION

Honoring Police Officer Joe Young by renaming the 6400 Block of Woodland Avenue to “Officer Joe Young Way” in recognition of his service to the 12th District and protection of the Southwest Philadelphia community.

WHEREAS, Officer Young dedicated 28 years of service to the Philadelphia Police Department before he retired in 2016. He landed in the 12th district directly from the Philadelphia Police Academy, first serving as a patrol officer, then in the tactical unit, and eventually as the Community Relations Officer, a position he excelled at for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Young was a beloved figure throughout Southwest Philadelphia, bridging the gap between the police and the community through his organization of numerous community initiatives, including foreclosure prevention outreach, coat drives, food distributions, job fairs, toy drives, and annual benefits honoring thousands of Southwest residents; and

WHEREAS, He hosted the 12th District’s monthly community workshop, one of the largest police-community gatherings in the City, fostering communication and trust among residents and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Young was instrumental in organizing the Southwest Pride Day Parade and Street Festival, the 12th District Open House, annual Fun Day celebrations for local children, and numerous charitable efforts supporting families, seniors, service members, and disaster relief initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Officer Young’s dedication to serving Philadelphians earned him more than 100 community service and civic leadership awards in his lifetime. In 2011, he won the prestigious George Fencil Award as Philadelphia’s top police officer; and

WHEREAS, Outside his professional achievements, he was a devoted husband and father, in addition to his leadership roles at church and in the community. He enriched countless lives with his compassion; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Young passed away in 2025 after a two-year battle with cancer, leaving behind a legacy of service, leadership, and love for the people of Southwest Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors 12th District Police Officer Joe Young by renaming the 6400 Block of Woodland Avenue to “Officer Joe Young Way” in recognition of his service to and protection of the Southwest Philadelphia community; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed Copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Officer Joe Young as recognition of his dedication to public safety.

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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 eleventh day of June, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson
Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Landau, Lozada, Harrity, O'Rourke and Driscoll