

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260031)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and congratulating Irv Randolph for his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to The Philadelphia Tribune and for his lasting contributions to journalism and the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Tribune was founded in 1884 and is the oldest continuously published African American newspaper in the United States, serving as a trusted and vital voice for Black communities in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Irving "Irv" Randolph was raised in North Philadelphia and graduated from Franklin Learning Center, where he founded the high school's newspaper, laying the foundation for his lifelong dedication to reporting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Randolph pursued his passion for journalism at Penn State before transferring to Temple University, where he earned his journalism degree and helped found the student magazine Frontline; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1990s, Mr. Randolph joined The Philadelphia Tribune as Managing Editor, bringing a clear editorial mission to champion truth, accountability, and the amplification of Black voices - a mission he upheld with integrity for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Mr. Randolph navigated the evolving media landscape with vision, embracing digital-first strategies while strengthening the newspaper's print and online journalism, ensuring its stories reached and empowered a growing and diverse audience; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, The Philadelphia Tribune continued to spotlight the real lives and accomplishments of everyday people in the Black community, challenge negative portrayals, and hold those in power accountable; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Randolph has acted as a mentor and builder of future generations of journalists, guiding countless young professionals who have gone on to distinguished careers at major national outlets; and

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WHEREAS, Among the remarkable moments in his career, Mr. Randolph reported on transformative global events, including traveling to South Africa during Nelson Mandela's transition from incarceration and conducting an extended interview with then-Senator Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, After 31 years of exemplary service, Mr. Randolph will retire from his role as Managing Editor of The Philadelphia Tribune, effective January 30, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and commitment to community journalism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby congratulates Irv Randolph on his retirement and honors his outstanding contributions to journalism, to The Philadelphia Tribune, and to the Philadelphia community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Mr. Irving "Irv" Randolph as a symbol of the City Council's deepest gratitude and appreciation for his exemplary leadership, steadfast mentorship, and lifelong dedication to amplifying voices that matter and strengthening community journalism.

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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 twenty-second day of January, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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