

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 090153)

## RESOLUTION

Also naming Medford Road from Academy Road to Nanton Drive/Mechanicsville Road and the streets at the intersection of Broad Street and Olney Avenue in honor of Officer John Pawlowski, Badge No. 5649.

**WHEREAS**, Officer John Pawlowski was appointed to the Philadelphia Police Department on April 14, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 11, 2008 Officer Pawlowski was assigned to the 35th Police District; and

**WHEREAS**, On Friday night, February 13, 2009, at about 8 p.m., Officer Pawlowski, and his partner, responded to a call about a fight on the highway in front of the Olney Transportation Center at Broad Street and Olney Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, The fight turned out to be a confrontation between a cab driver and a gunman; in which the gunman demanded money and the cab driver warned that he would call police; and

**WHEREAS**, The gunman responded, "If you call the cops, I'm shooting you and the cops,"; and

**WHEREAS**, As Officer Pawlowski and his partner arrived on the scene and approached the gunman, whereupon the gunman lifted his .357 magnum handgun, firing it through his clothing, and striking Officer Pawlowski in the chest above his bullet proof vest and grazing his partner; and

**WHEREAS**, The partner and a back-up officer returned fire, wounding the gunman; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pawlowski was taken to Albert Einstein Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 8:44 p.m.; and

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**WHEREAS**, Officer Pawlowski is the product of a police family, his father, John, Sr., being a retired lieutenant and his brother, Robert, a corporal in the police radio room; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pawlowski graduated from St. Anselm grade school and Archbishop Ryan High School, and was active in the Parkwood Youth Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pawlowski is survived by his wife, Kim, his father, John, his brothers Robert, Christopher, Vincent and his sister Lauren, his grandmother Stella, and in-laws, nephews and nieces; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pawlowski was 25 years old when he died, having served with the Philadelphia Police Department for almost five years and had been awarded two merit commendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pawlowski resided in Parkwood Manor; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of the dedicated service by Officer John Pawlowski and to further memorialize the sacrifice he made by serving and protecting the citizens of Philadelphia; now therefore

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, That we honor the life and service of this dedicated public servant by also naming Medford Road from Academy Road to Nanton Drive/Mechnaicsville Road and the streets at the intersection of Broad Street and Olney Avenue in honor of Officer John Pawlowski Badge No. 5649.

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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-sixth of February, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers O'Neill, DiCicco, Miller and Green

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