

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 020085)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Mr. Juan “Johnny” Santiago for his dedication and contributions to the successful development of “La Liga Del Barrio” Basketball League.

WHEREAS, Mr. Juan Santiago, born and raised in the City of Philadelphia has spent a significant part of his life volunteering his personal time and expertise to the development of productive youth development activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santiago is recognized in the Latino community for his unmatched devotion to the utilization of sports as a means of fostering healthy minds, discipline and team skills among youth and people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2000 “La Liga Del Barrio” (The Neighborhood League) was co-founded by the 76er’s organization and the Office of City Councilman Angel L. Ortiz. “La Liga” is a youth basketball league composed of 28 teams, boys and girls ages 6-16; and

WHEREAS, Since the league’s inception, Mr. Santiago has been a driving force serving as the organization’s mentor and coordinator of the league’s activities. “Johnny” has been a driving force ensuring the leagues growth and overall success; and

WHEREAS, With the support of volunteers, parents and corporate sponsors, as Motrin and Old Navy, the by-product of Mr. Santiago’s labor is evidenced by the league’s recent achievements. “La Liga Del Barrio” has earned membership in the Junior NBA/WNBA and it was chosen as a key participant in the February 2002 All-Star Weekend Jam Session Program. Further, one of the League’s players was awarded an Honorable Mention to the National All-Star Junior NBA/WNBA; and

WHEREAS, The leagues upcoming championship game will be hosted by the 76ers’ organization at the First Union Center on February 18, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Juan Santiago has served as an exemplary role model and inspiration to all those who seek excellence while serving the larger interests of the Philadelphia community; now, therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize Mr. Juan “Johnny” Santiago for his dedication to the successful development of the “Liga del Barrio” Basketball League and his contributions to the overall quality of life of our City.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Juan “Johnny” Santiago as evidence of the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.

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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 fourteenth of February, 2002.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Ortiz

Sponsored by: Councilmembers DiCicco, Reynolds Brown, Tasco, Goode, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Nutter, Kenney, Miller, Cohen, Rizzo, Longstreth and Clarke

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