

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

(Resolution No. 060208)

RESOLUTION

Marking the 40th Anniversary of Ms. Edie Huggins' television broadcasting career and honoring Ms. Huggins for more than 40 years of accurate news reporting and community service by declaring Thursday, March 30, 2006 as Edie Huggins' Day.

WHEREAS, Edie Huggins is one of Philadelphia's most accomplished news journalists who began her career in television at WCAU in January 1966, as a feature reporter on the BIG NEWS TEAM WITH JOHN FACENDA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huggins has anchored and co-anchored the news, interviewed scores of personalities and newsmakers, reported on countless news stories, and presented memorable investigative reports on a variety of subjects; and

WHEREAS, Back in the early 70's, Huggins and Herb Clarke co-hosted "What's Happening," a midday news program and in the mid-70's, hosted "Morning Side," a magazine show featuring interviews with celebrities and politicians, along with segments on health, finance and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huggins, one of NBC 10's most celebrated correspondents, provides daily reports on NBC 10 News and has given much of her professional life to serving her community and being a strong advocate for many causes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huggins continues to serve on many boards throughout the greater Philadelphia region and is one of the founding members of the National Association of Black Journalists, which honored her in 2005; and

WHEREAS, In giving back to the community, Ms. Huggins created the "Huggins' Hero" reports, a Friday segment profiling the heroic life of an ordinary person doing an extraordinary deed; and

WHEREAS, In November 2002, Huggins was recognized for her achievements in broadcasting by being inducted into the Philadelphia Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame

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and was chosen by the Urban League of Philadelphia as one of "The Outstanding African-American Philadelphians of the 20th Century"; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, she was honored by the Philadelphia Chapter of American Women in Radio & Television as "Communicator of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huggins graduated cum laude from the State University of New York with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and after graduation worked as a registered nurse, while at the same time, making national headlines by doubling as an actress and consultant for the NBC daytime drama "The Doctors"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huggins resides in the Philadelphia area and is the mother of two adult children: a son, Hastings Edward Huggins, and a daughter, Laurie Linn Huggins; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we mark the 40th Anniversary of Ms. Edie Huggins' television broadcasting career and honor Ms. Huggins for more than 40 years of accurate news reporting and community service by declaring Thursday, March 30, 2006 as Edie Huggins' Day; and

FURTHER RESOLVED That an Engrossed copy of this resolution shall be presented to Ms. Edie Huggins as evidence of the sincere sentiments 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 sixteenth of March, 2006.

> Anna C. Verna PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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