

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 130112)

## RESOLUTION

Honoring, recognizing and commending the Queen Memorial Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for its extraordinary service and dedication to the citizens of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, With a name dating back to 1895, Point Breeze was designated as one of the original Green Country Towns sponsored by Philadelphia Green, a program dedicated to increasing planted urban spaces; and

WHEREAS, Important neighborhood institutions include the YMCA at 17<sup>th</sup> and Christian Streets, which has served African Americans since 1889, and the Point Breeze Performing Arts Center, which was founded in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Named in honor of a Philadelphia optician, pioneer microscope maker, and philanthropist, the James W. Queen Memorial Library was founded in 1907. It was originally housed in the Hope Presbyterian Church at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Wharton Streets; and

WHEREAS, This became the Queen Memorial Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia on December 13, 1912. In 1945, it was relocated to a rented building at 1313-15 Point Breeze Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Queen Memorial Branch opened on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1995 in the Landreth Apartments, a residence for seniors. The building, built in 1889, is a renovated elementary school, the former Landreth School. Mamie Nichols, Executive Director of the Point Breeze Foundation, was a prime leader behind the renovation of the school into a multi-purpose achievement center; now therefore,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor, recognize, and commend the Queen Memorial Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for its extraordinary service and dedication to the citizens of Philadelphia.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Queen Memorial Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia 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 fourteenth of February, 2013.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Johnson

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Goode, Kenney, Oh, Squilla, Greenlee, Green, Henon and Quiñones Sánchez