

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 230727)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the heroism of police officer Richard Mendez, an exceptional public servant, who gave everything in his duty to the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Officer Richard Mendez was a deeply caring person, with a heart big enough to fit all of Philadelphia. He was always willing to serve beyond the work of the 25<sup>th</sup> Police District and he was especially supportive and protective of his police family; and

WHEREAS, He loved the District and the people in it. Officer Mendez was a proud father to his daughter, Mia. His family was everything to him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mendez was struck down at the Philadelphia International Airport's Garage D at about 11:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

WHEREAS, He and his partner arrived in the parking garage, preparing to start their shift, when they heard the sound of shattering glass and observed people breaking into a vehicle. As they approached the men they were fired upon. Officer Mendez was transported to Penn Presbyterian Medical Center where his End of Watch was at 11:34 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mendez served with the Philadelphia Police Department for almost 23 years and was assigned to the Airport Unit. He is survived by his wife and daughter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mendez, of Somerton, spent many of his years as an officer in the 25<sup>th</sup> District, patrolling some of the city's most turbulent neighborhoods in North Philadelphia. Officer Mendez was reassigned to the Airport Unit in the last few years; and

WHEREAS, This loss weighs heavy on the hearts and minds of the Mendez family, the officers of the Philadelphia Police Department, the Council and the people of Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, offers its full condolences to the family of Police Officer Richard Mendez, for the ultimate sacrifice made in the name of peace. May his exemplary life be remembered for his kindness, his love, and for the justice he wrought.

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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 nineteenth day of October, 2023.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Lozada and O'Neill

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Lozada, O'Neill, Squilla, Gilmore Richardson, Vaughn, Johnson, Bass, Harrity, Jones, Driscoll, Gauthier, Brooks, Phillips and Thomas