

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 060871)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Philadelphia noir novelist David Goodis.

WHEREAS, David Goodis was born March 2, 1917 and was raised in Logan; and

WHEREAS, David Goodis graduated from the General David Bell Birney Elementary School, Jay Cooke Junior High School, Simon Gratz High School, and Temple University; and

WHEREAS, David Goodis began a remarkable career in New York as an advertising and radio writer, and moved to Hollywood, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, David Goodis gained national attention with his novel *Dark Passage*, which was made into a movie starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall; and

WHEREAS, After a contract with Warner Brothers as a screenwriter, David Goodis returned to Philadelphia in the early 1950's and settled in East Oak Lane; and

WHEREAS, David Goodis began the most productive stage of his writing career as a noir novelist, writing some 15 novels and a score of short stories, many of which were set in Philadelphia, particularly in Port Richmond, the Tenderloin, Southwark, and the Delaware River front; and

WHEREAS, David Goodis' novel *The Burglar*, was made into a movie by Paul Wenkos and starred Jayne Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, The French film maker Francois Truffaut adapted David Goodis' novel "*Down There*" into the movie "*Shoot the Piano Player*" starring Charles Aznavour; and

WHEREAS, David Goodis died on January 7, 1967 at Albert Einstein Medical Center; and

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WHEREAS, In observance of the 40th anniversary of his death and in honor of his literary contributions, the works and life of David Goodis are being celebrated at GoodisCON, a writers symposium, January 5, 6, and 7 in Philadelphia; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby note with pride the literary accomplishments of native son David Goodis.

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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 November, 2006.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kelly

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