

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 130289)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Memory of Philadelphia Fire Captain Michael R. Goodwin, Sr.

WHEREAS, Michael R. Goodwin was a veteran firefighter with over 29 years of service. He was appointed a firefighter on September 3, 1983 and served at Engine 51 and Engine 45. At Engine 6, he was promoted to Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, As Lieutenant and Captain, he served at Engine 58, Engine 14, Engine 3, Engine 7, Engine 49, Division 1B and most recently, Ladder 27; and

WHEREAS, Michael R. Goodwin served in the United States Navy from 1977-1980 and served as an E4 aboard the U.S. America; and

WHEREAS, His superiors and colleagues considered him to be a firefighter worthy of respect, admiration and emulation. He was awarded many commendations while serving the citizens of Philadelphia, saving lives of victims in burning buildings; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 5:34 p.m., a 3 alarm blaze broke out at a fabric store near the intersection of Fitzwater and South Fourth Street in Queen Village; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 5:34 p.m., as Ladder Company 27 fought to extinguish the flames, Captain Michael R. Goodwin, sustained fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia firefighters are in the front lines of defense against a wide variety of disasters that threaten life and property; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Michael R. Goodwin will be remembered for his great love of his work, and the pride he took in performing beyond the call of duty. He will be remembered for his generous nature. He will be remembered, always, as a hero; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby respectfully join the Philadelphia Fire Department, family and friends of Philadelphia Fire Captain R. Goodwin, Sr. in mourning his death and honoring his memory. To his wife, Kelly, his children, Dorothy and Michael, and his mother, Elizabeth, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and our prayers of comfort.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Philadelphia Firefighter Captain Michael R. Goodwin as evidence of the profound condolences 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 eleventh of April, 2013.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers O'Neill and Council President Clarke

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Green, Kenney, Jones, Henon, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, O'Brien, Squilla, Bass, Oh, Johnson, Tasco and Quiñones Sánchez