

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 060488)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing, Honoring, And Celebrating Alexandra Maratea – For Her Heroism In The Face Of Danger – Rescuing Her Three-Week Old Nephew After His Stroller Fell Onto The Tracks Of SEPTA’s El Train.

WHEREAS, Alexandra Maratea is a Fourth Grade student at Stone Hurst Hill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2006, around 4:00 P.M., Darien Maratea and his stroller fell onto the tracks at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Market Street, pushed toward the rails by strong winds, causing Darien to fall face-first onto the tracks, dangerously close to the electrified third-rail; and

WHEREAS, Darien’s mother Nikki Maratea attempted to save Darien, however, she became tangled, unable to reach the tracks; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Maratea, putting her personal safety aside, jumped onto the tracks, in front of an on-coming train; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Maratea, was able to rescue Darien from the jaws of death; and

WHEREAS, Darien Maratea suffered a broken arm and cuts in the incident; and

WHEREAS, When asked why she did it, Alexandra Maratea replied, “You got to do what you got to do and he’s my nephew, so I wanted to take care of him”; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council Hereby Recognize, Honor, And Celebrate Alexandra Maratea – For Her Heroism In The Face Of Danger – Rescuing Her Three-Week Old Nephew After His Stroller Fell Onto The Tracks Of SEPTA’s El Train.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Alexandra Maratea as further evidencing the sincere admiration and gratitude 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 twenty-fifth of May, 2006.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Rizzo

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