

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring Veronica J. Joyner, for her commitment and dedication to educating all children in matters of intellect and civic duty in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Veronica Joyner began her career in education as a teacher in the Philadelphia Public School System in 1974. During the next ten years, Mrs. Joyner strived for excellence and equity for all the students she taught. She began to realize the importance of parental involvement in the system as a change agent in order to make excellence in the classroom a standard for all students; and

WHEREAS, It was this that prompted her to found and serve as President of Parents United for Better Schools, Inc. (PUBS), a non-profit, multi-racial, parent advocacy corporation in 1984. Parents United for Better Schools, Inc. now has a membership of over twenty thousand parents in Philadelphia and continues to evolve; and

WHEREAS, PUBS Tutoring Program, provides tutoring to thousands of public and private Philadelphia school students (one through twelve) throughout the Delaware Valley, an adult tutoring program to aide adults attending college or trade school, and GED classes to high school drop outs and adults; and

WHEREAS, As an outgrowth of PUBS, Mrs. Joyner received state approval to open The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School of Philadelphia, Inc. (MCSCS) in September of 1999 where she now serves as its Founder and Chief Administrative Officer; and

WHEREAS, MCSCS has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as one of the City's top ten schools out of more than three hundred public and charter schools in Philadelphia and it has received praise from the most prestigious educators on both a local and national level since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Veronica Joyner received her Bachelors in Social Work/Education from Temple University and her Masters in Education Leadership from Arcadia University. She is also a candidate for the Ph.D. program at Temple University. She is the recipient of an overwhelming number of awards and recognitions for her service in education and in the Philadelphia Community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL, Hereby recognizes Veronica J. Joyner, for her commitment and dedication to educating all children in matters of intellect and civic duty in the City of Philadelphia

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Veronica J. Joyner as a sincere expression of the Philadelphia City Council's gratitude and recognition.