

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring Sheinelle Jones of Fox29 News for her outstanding service, commitment, and contributions to the community during her time as a broadcast journalist in Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Sheinelle Jones was born in Philadelphia, raised in Wichita, Kansas, and returned to Philadelphia in July 2005 to join FOX 29 as reporter and co-host of “Good-Day Philadelphia”. Sheinelle has worked at Fox29 in this capacity for the last nine years; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle is a graduate of Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, majoring in Broadcast Journalism. She continuously pursued a career in television journalism beginning at age 16 at her local school district station in Wichita, Kansas and then completing internships every year until her college graduation; and

WHEREAS, Before returning to Philadelphia, Sheinelle was an anchor and reporter for KOKI-FOX 23 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and in Springfield, Illinois as anchor and reporter for WICS-TV; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle Jones has been recognized by multiple journalism organizations for her achievements. Before coming to Philadelphia, she earned an award for outstanding news reporting and overall excellence from the National Association of Black Journalists and the Oklahoma Chapter of Society of Professional Journalists. Sheinelle has also received an investigative reporting award from the Oklahoma Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle has also received numerous awards in the Philadelphia region and served on many panels. In 2010, Lincoln University recognized her for an award in Women in Leadership and was named Woman of the Week by 95.7 Ben-FM and Cancer Treatment Center of America; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle has interviewed national icons from Bill Cosby to Hillary Clinton and moderated several political debates and forums, including during the 2007 Philadelphia Mayoral campaign and Pennsylvania's 2010 gubernatorial election; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Philadelphia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. As an active member of Links Incorporated, she continues to support young women through self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle is very engaged in the Philadelphia community where her activities and special interests focus on education and children. She has volunteered in multiple Philadelphia schools and has mentored children from elementary school to college encouraging them to stay in school and sharing stories about her career in communications and journalism; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle’s colleagues describe her TV personality as genuine. On and off camera, she is always friendly and charming and makes those around her laugh; and

WHEREAS, Sheinelle is more than a prominent news personality in the Philadelphia region, she is also loving wife to her husband Uche and devoted mother to her three children, a 4 year old son, and 19 month old twins. She currently resides in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia and has loved telling people's stories every morning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we are proud to honor and recognize Sheinelle Jones of FOX29 for her years of dedicated service to Philadelphia and we wish her continued success on her future endeavors.