

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring Rodney Little for his exemplary and outstanding service as a dedicated public servant, police officer, union leader and military veteran.

WHEREAS, Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Rodney Little enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1978 as a Radio Teletype Morse Code Operator; and

WHEREAS, Little achieved the rank of Sergeant Major and was assigned to the Mobilization Assistance Team Operations Regional Training Program, 75th Training Division at the Joint Base Maguire-Dix -Lakehurst, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, he was responsible for (1) directing operations, (2) executing and analyzing the agency's strategic training objectives, (3) coordinating training for over 200,000 soldiers assigned to the military unit's positions within a 50-state geographical area, (4) identifying material, facilities and services needed to support the units and (5) identifying manpower, material, facilities and services with program plans to assure that the support arrived at the right place and time; and

WHEREAS, Little's most significant achievement in this role was his success in achieving a 100% regulatory compliance rating on 108 key performance indicators within 12 months; and

WHEREAS, He holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and has earned certifications from training courses in a variety of topics including: Equal Opportunity, Antiterrorism, Housing Quality Standards, Bureau Narcotics Investigations and Drug Control, Instructors Training and Small Group Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Serving in both active duty and reserve forces of the United States Army, he also worked as a police officer for the Philadelphia Housing Authority Police Department and was President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 106; and

WHEREAS, In his role as President of FOP Lodge 106, Little's duties included providing representation in all matters relating to police labor law including contract negotiations, arbitration, grievance arbitration and practice before the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, Little's board and past organizational memberships include serving as Treasurer of Common Cause of Pennsylvania, a board member of the Veteran Multi-Service Center, board chairman of AHARI-A Home Is A Right, a board member of Community Forgiveness and Restoration, a panel member of U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's Military Academy Selection, an appointed member of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs and a board member of the Fair Housing Rights Center; and

WHEREAS, With over 33 years of military and public service experience, Rodney Little is a clear example of virtuous leadership inspiring future generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes and honors Rodney Little for his exemplary and outstanding service as a dedicated public servant, police officer, union leader and military veteran.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rodney Little, further evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.