

Legislation Text

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Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia band the War on Drugs for winning best rock album at the 60th Annual Grammy Awards.

WHEREAS, The Philly band consisting of guitarist and songwriter Adam Granduciel, bassist David Hartley, keyboard player Robbie Bennet, drummer Charlie Hall, guitarist Anthony LaMarca, and sax player Jon Natchez has garnered international acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Having formed in 2005, the War on Drugs released their debut album, *Wagonwheel Blues* in 2008 followed by *Slave Ambient* in 2011 and their third album *Lost in the Dream* in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The band's fourth album entitled *A Deeper Understanding*, released in 2017, is an album of self-discovery, and received critical praise ultimately winning the band a Grammy for best rock album; and

WHEREAS, The *Deeper* single, "Pain," topped the Billboard adult alternative songs chart in January 2018; and

WHEREAS, The War on Drugs beat well-known competition consisting of fellow nominees Metallica, Mastodon, Queens of the Stone Age, and Nothing More; and

WHEREAS, The War on Drugs has been hailed by the New Yorker as "the best American 'rock' band of the decade" and New York Magazine has called them "America's Next Great Rock Band"; and

WHEREAS, Now a part of mainstream music, the War on Drugs has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* and has a featured spot on the bill at the Coachella Fest in California in April and is set to headline the Xponential Fest in Camden in July; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is home to a thriving music and arts scene; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is proud of its diverse and ever-evolving music scene and applauds the War on Drugs for its outstanding accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and congratulates Philadelphia band the War on Drugs for winning best rock album at the 60th Annual Grammy Awards.