

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and Honoring Kenneth Woodson on his years of service to the Philadelphia Zoo and congratulating him on his retirement.

WHEREAS, Kenneth Woodson has been employed by the Philadelphia Zoo since 2004 as the Vice President of Community and Government Affairs. In his current role, Reverend Woodson works with the Zoo President & CEO to develop and maintain relations with community and regional civic organizations and government officials; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Boston University, a Master's Degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master's Degree in Theological Studies from Palmer Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson is an active member of the community and sits on several civic, and business organizations including Association of Zoos and Aquariums National Government Affairs Committee, the East Parkside Historic District Coalition, the Mayor's Commission on African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs, and the University of Pennsylvania Netter Center for Community Partnerships. He is also Chair of the West Philadelphia Community Trust Board; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, in 2014, Mayor Nutter appointed Reverend Woodson Chair of the Department of Licenses and Inspections Review Board (LIRB); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2013 President's (Obama) Volunteer Service Award; Distinguished Service Award from the Netter Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Pennsylvania; the Service Award as Chair of the Government Affairs Committee from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums; the Echoes of Africa Spirit Award; and the Certificate of Appreciation for Distinguished Service to the East Parkside/Mantua Community from the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and honors Kenneth Woodson on his years of service to the Philadelphia Zoo and congratulates him on his retirement.

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