

## Legislation Text

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Honoring and congratulating the honorees of the 2018 Stellar StartUps Competition.

WHEREAS, The Stellar StartUps Competition hosted by the Philadelphia Media Network and sponsored by MassMutual Greater Philadelphia gives recognition to the startup community in and around Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Honorees are selected by an outside panel of judges and represent entrepreneurs who are dedicated to creating products and services that improve people's lives while also fueling the economic growth of their company; and

WHEREAS, During this third annual Stellar StartUps Competition, the judges received nearly 100 applicants and named 30 finalists which is an increase from the 26 finalists named last year; and

WHEREAS, Startups were divided among nine categories: Alumni, Food/Restaurants, Healthcare, Just Plain Cool Ideas, Minority/ Women Entrepreneurs, Products/Services, Second Act Startups, Students, and Technology; and

WHEREAS, Winners include everything from entertainment services to life-saving products ranging from a smart pill box to ensure patients never miss a dose of critical medication to healthy grab-and-go meals located in "smart fridges" to an incubator for creative entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is home to a lively and growing startup community and has a growing network of incubator, maker spaces, and co-working spaces across the City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is proud to support entrepreneurs in the City who bring energy, ideas and vitality to Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, We are very proud of these innovators who are part of the unique, vibrant, living and breathing startup community we have; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and congratulates the honorees of the 2018 Stellar StartUps Competition.