

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring State Representative Al Dumas on a lifetime of public service and fighting for the community.

WHEREAS, Born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 18, 1928, State Representative Aljia Dumas, arrived in the City of Philadelphia in 1947. Ambitious and determined, he set out to make an impact; and

WHEREAS, Over the next sixty years, Representative Dumas focused on achievement; establishing his own brand of success in a plethora of endeavors that reached into a broad cross-section of the City. In 1968, he fulfilled one of his long-held goals as a public servant, winning an election to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives' 190th District by Special Election; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dumas was unable to repeat his historical accomplishment and win reelection, however, he forged ahead and continued making a positive impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, He was elected as the President of the West Philadelphia Branch NAACP. In 1976, Representative Al Dumas was elected as a Democrat to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives 188th Legislative District by Special Election, to serve the remaining 1975 term of the Honorable Lucien E. Blackwell; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dumas is currently a resident of Southwest Philadelphia. He was married to the late Mary Fannie- Dumas for over 60 years. He has four children: Tamara Dumas, Melita Dumas-Staley, Aljia, Jr and Gwendalyn Donaldson Dumas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and honors Representative Al Dumas on a lifetime of public service and fighting for the community.

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