

## Legislation Text

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Recognizing and Congratulating the Philadelphia Education Fund on the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Education Fund was founded in 1985 with a mission to improve the quality of public education for underserved youth throughout the Philadelphia region; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Education Fund was formed as a merger between two organizations (PATHS/PRISM and the Collaborative) devoted to improving educational opportunities for youth in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The fund is an independent nonprofit organization that fulfills its mission through funding provided by private donors, foundations, corporations, and public sources; and

WHEREAS, The fund is a member of the national Public Education Network <<http://www.publiceducation.org/lefs.asp>>, an association of 81 Local Education Funds across the country whose mission is to build public demand and mobilize resources for quality public education for all children through a national constituency; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Education Fund has developed a particular expertise in preparing teachers for successful careers in the School District of Philadelphia; over the last eight years Fund programs have provided 3,000 teachers with the opportunity to gain teacher certification through alternative routes; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Education Fund continues to be on the forefront of addressing the dropout crisis and operates a College Access Program with over 85% of students being accepted to college; and

WHEREAS, On November 16, 2010, the Philadelphia Education Fund will host the annual EDDY Awards program which recognizes the 2010 Stars of Public Education; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has benefited tremendously from the countless efforts from the Philadelphia Education Fund over its 25 year history; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize and congratulate the Philadelphia Education Fund on the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia Education Fund as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.