

## Legislation Text

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Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Philadelphia Military Academy (PMA), for receiving a Department of Army Gold- Star as an Honor Unit with Distinction from the Department of Army, for their outstanding performance.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia Military Academy is a one of 23 military schools in the county, wherein they serve approximately 400 students working in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC); and

WHEREAS, Interviews with the Philadelphia Tribune, highlight the pride cadets take in their education through PMA, referencing a familiar phrase used, “One Team, One Fight” showcasing the unity within PMA’s JROTC program; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Army Honor Unit Distinction (HUD) is based on evaluation every three years, evaluating skills such as service learning projects, drill performance, logistical procedures and areas of improvement, programs must receive a 95% or better to receive HUD recognition; and

WHEREAS, Less than 5% of Army JROTC programs receive HUD recognition globally, PMA excelled in their evaluation earning a 98%, their program highlights leadership and community, encouraging students to interview veterans as part of their service learning projects, and the projects were weighed heavily for HUD evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia Military Academy focuses on providing students tools to attend college and excel in a military career, encourage rigorous academic achievement, while immersing students in military disciplines and values; and

WHEREAS, Cadets will wear this Gold-Star honor on their uniforms going forward, honoring the hard work and dedication to the program, working as one to achieve HUD recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and congratulate Philadelphia Military Academy, for receiving a Department of Army Gold- Star as an Honor Unit with Distinction from the Department of Army, for their outstanding performance in JROTC programming.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy be presented to Philadelphia Military Academy further evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.