

Legislation Text

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Saluting and congratulating Gregory Shannon on an extraordinary act of heroism.

WHEREAS, The much admired principal of the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Gregory Shannon, was leaving the building on a fall day in late September; and

WHEREAS, A smell of smoke that permeated the air, prompted Mr. Shannon to investigate the perimeter of the school and alerted him to a possible emergency; and

WHEREAS, Meanwhile, student of the Franklin Elementary School, known to Mr. Shannon, whose home was directly across the street from the school, summoned Mr. Shannon for help and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shannon realized that the house was on fire endangering the youngster, hastened into the home and subsequently discovered three siblings whom he delivered to safety with calm poise; and

WHEREAS, Assuring that no one was hurt, Mr. Shannon notified the Fire Department and received the sincere appreciation of a very grateful mother; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Shannon demonstrated in a meaningfully unselfish way, his commitment, his dedication and his love for children and their well-being; and

WHEREAS, This veteran science teacher, coordinator of substance abuse programs and newly-minted principal who has taken the school into the neighborhood and the community, distinguished himself as both educator and hero; now therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Recognize and salute Gregory G. Shannon on his quick thinking and rapid response in the face of a dire emergency.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gregory G. Shannon as a expression of the deep gratitude and admiration of this legislative body.