

Legislation Text

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Honoring Angelo Cataldi, on the occasion of the announcement of his retirement as co-host of the WIP Morning Show and for invigorating the passionate fan culture of Philadelphia throughout his illustrious career in Philadelphia sports radio.

WHEREAS, Angelo Cataldi is a legendary sports radio host whose decades of work in Philadelphia have seen him nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rhode Island, in the earliest days of Mr. Cataldi's sports journalism career he was one of two reporters to cover the first 32 innings of the longest professional baseball game in history; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Cataldi arrived in Philadelphia as a sports columnist for The Inquirer. His coverage of the Eagles' first year under new coach Buddy Ryan made him a finalist for the 1987 Pulitzer Prize; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cataldi made the transition from print to radio, joining the late Philadelphia Eagles hero Tom Brookshier as the "Rookie" of "Brookie and the Rookie" at WIP, Philadelphia's first twenty-four hour, seven days a week sports radio station; and

WHEREAS, Angelo's career at WIP dates back to 1989. He has hosted the WIP Morning Show since 1990 including with long time co-host Al Morganti, and he has kept Philadelphians entertained for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, Fueled by the passion of Philadelphia sports fans, Cataldi and The WIP Morning Show have been a cornerstone in the City's vibrant sports culture for decades, hosting twenty-six annual Wing Bowls, seeing both the Philadelphia Phillies and the Philadelphia Eagles win championships, and enduring too many rough seasons and close losses to count; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphians look forward to enjoying Mr. Cataldi's program through the end of 2022 and wish him the best for his well deserved retirement and future plans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors Angelo Cataldi, on the occasion of the announcement of his retirement as co-host of the WIP Morning Show and for invigorating the passionate fan culture of Philadelphia throughout his illustrious career in Philadelphia sports radio.