

Legislation Text

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Recognizing Rick Bloomingdale upon his retirement as President from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2022, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO announced that Rick Bloomingdale would retire as President of the federation of labor unions at the end of his term, May 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Bloomingdale began his career in 1977 with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, where he worked as a project Staff Representative of local 449 and then as Assistant Director and State Political/Legislative Director of AFSCME Council 13; and

WHEREAS, Bloomingdale was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO in 1994 and then President in 2010; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Bloomingdale was named to the PoliticsPA "Sy Snyder's Power 50" list of politically influential Pennsylvanians. He was also named to the PoliticsPA list of "Pennsylvania's Top Political Activists"; and

WHEREAS, Bloomingdale was named to the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board of Review in 2003 and was appointed chairman in August 2005; and

WHEREAS, Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder said, "I have had a front-row seat for twelve years with Rick... as he has led some of the most important campaigns throughout the Commonwealth. I've witnessed his passion firsthand. He has been a mentor to me and to many others. This is one of the benefits of union membership - being able to retire with security and dignity. Rick earned it"; and

WHEREAS, Bloomingdale said, "For 45 years, I have been fortunate to serve the union movement, and I am leaving with great hope for the future. In these last two years, I have seen a resurgence in unionism across this Commonwealth and the country. In my twelve years as Pennsylvania AFL-CIO President, I have had the privilege to work for unions and their members to fight for good jobs, safe workplaces, and fair wages. I know that the future of this movement is truly bright"; and

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Recognizes Rick Bloomingdale upon his retirement as President from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rick Bloomingdale as a sincere expression of City Council's respect and admiration.