

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and honoring Dorothy Johnson-Speight for twenty-five years of humanitarian service.

WHEREAS, Recognizing Dorothy Johnson-Speight, founder of Mothers-in-Charge, for her twenty-five years of unwavering humanitarian support and tireless effort to provide children and families with the rights they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson-Speight was recognized by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as their 2013 Citizen of the Year, by the Philadelphia Eagles as one of the 75 Greatest Living Philadelphians, and by *The Philadelphia Tribune* as one of Philadelphia's Most Influential African-American Leaders, with each highlighting her ability to help other women come to terms with the sorrow of losing a child to violence; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as one of the most highly regarded family rights organizations in America, Mothers-in-Charge has been at the forefront of violence prevention since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2003, Mothers-in-Charge is a grassroots organization working to deter violence through education, faith and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mothers-in-Charge participates in proactive intervention with children, young adults, families and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mothers-in-Charge core values of education, youth, faith-based and community spirit, and caring therapy have helped transform Philadelphia's juvenile offender's cognitive skills; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with Philadelphia's correctional facilities, Mothers-in-Charge works to help impending returning citizens with the development of pro-social and proper decision making abilities, violence prevention and laying the groundwork for re-entry back into their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson-Speight's organization has been extended to other cities and states, which has allowed her to aid children and their families dealing with their grief all across the nation; and

WHEREAS, A passionate advocate for the rights of children and family, Ms. Johnson-Speight has collaborated with school districts, youth and faith-based communities, and the government to expand her reach; and

WHEREAS, A proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ms. Johnson-Speight embodies her Sorority's mission of service, leadership, communities, and empowerment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby recognize and honor Dorothy Johnson-Speight for her twenty-five years of humanitarian service.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dorothy Johnson-Speight as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

