

Legislation Text

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Honoring Pat Gillespie on his retirement from the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council.

WHEREAS, Patrick B. "Pat" Gillespie, has served as Business Manager of the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Pat also presently serves as Vice President of the Philadelphia Council of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and

WHEREAS, Pat has served as Vice President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union #542 and also one term in the Pennsylvania State Legislature representing the 162nd District; and

WHEREAS, Pat was educated in the Philadelphia Parochial School System --- attending St. Thomas More High School. Pat also attended the Comey Institute of Industrial Relations at Saint Joseph's University; and

WHEREAS, He serves on a number of Boards and Commissions, including the Allied Trades Assistance Program, Built-Rite Co-Chairman, Independence Blue Cross - Executive Committee, Philadelphia Area Labor-Management Committee United and the Cerebral Palsy Association of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Pat formerly volunteered for a number of boards, including the Greater Philadelphia First Corporation, Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, Greater Philadelphia Economic Development Coalition, Philadelphia Bar Association Foundation, Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, Philadelphia Civic Center Board, Philadelphia Criminal Justice Commission, Philadelphia Trial Court Nominating Committee, Federal Judicial Selection Committee, Center City District and the National Constitution Center Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Pat has been involved in countless charitable endeavors, including Fred's Footsteps and the St. Francis Inn; and

WHEREAS, Rock Ministries has a special place in Pat's heart, as his dedication to the group has enabled Rock Ministries to serve over 8,000 children over the course of the past ten years. Pat has remained an influential part of getting those same kids involved in workforce trade jobs and has been instrumental in helping The Rock to build houses for homeless adults and youth throughout Philadelphia

WHEREAS, Pat and his wife, Arlene, reside in Havertown, Pennsylvania. They have four; children Patrick(Shannon),Matthew(Shonna),Kevin(Ann)and Marie - and also nine grandchildren - Patrick, Grace, Hannah, Kevin, Matthew, Henry, Connor, Emmet and Lyla. Pat plans to spend his retirement improving his golf game, spending time at the shore with his wife and family and taste testing as many cheesesteaks as humanly possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor, commend and express our sincere appreciation to Pat Gillespie for his hard work, dedication, and distinguished service to the

Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council, the Philadelphia AFL-CIO and to the City of Philadelphia and its' residents.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pat Gillespie, as further evidence of the grateful appreciation and deep admiration of this legislative body.