

## Legislation Text

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Honoring and recognizing Mr. Jim Gardner for his hard work and dedication in the City of Philadelphia over the past 41 years.

WHEREAS, Jim Gardner, a New York City native, spent most of his adult life in Philadelphia. He has been covering small and large scale events for Action News since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner studied at Columbia University receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. While attending Columbia he had his first experience with broadcast journalism while covering the historic student riots breaking out protesting the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in 1970, Mr. Gardner worked at WINS Radio in New York. Two years later he began working at WFAS Radio located in White Plains, New York. In 1974, Mr. Gardner began a new career as a television broadcaster at WKBW-TV in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 1976 Mr. Gardner began working at WPVI-TV in Philadelphia as a reporter and anchor for the 12 p.m. Action News. It was in 1977 when Gardner accepted his current anchor position for the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. news; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner has done coverage for both the Democratic and Republican Presidential Conventions since 1980 and has interviewed every major Presidential candidate and sitting President since the start of his career in Philadelphia in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner was awarded the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Person of the Year in 1996 and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Temple University grants the Jim Gardner Scholarship to one student studying broadcast journalism every year to aid in paying for his/her education. This Award was made in Mr. Gardner's honor and has been in existence since 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner is a well-respected anchorman and reporter by both his colleagues and his viewers, in which he has dedicated the past 41 years of his career too.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and recognize Mr. Jim Gardner for his hard work and dedication in Philadelphia over the past 41 years.

