

Legislation Text

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Honoring and Recognizing the Career of Monica Malpass on the Occasion of Her 30-Year Anniversary as a Journalist for 6ABC Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Monica Malpass, Co-Anchor of 6abc Action News, joined the station in January of 1988 and has since become one of Philadelphia's most trusted and beloved broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, Malpass is the host of 6abc's news program 'Inside Story', an award-winning political roundtable, alongside anchoring several other public service segments on 6abc; and

WHEREAS, A native of North Carolina, Malpass began her career as a reporter and anchor for WXII-TV in Winston-Salem, and later for WCHL-AM in Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, After receiving her B.A. in Journalism from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Malpass earned her M.A. in Political Science from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Her extensive education in public affairs also includes two honorary Doctoral Degrees, and graduation from the Brookings Institution's "Inside Washington" Program; and

WHEREAS, Her esteemed reputation as a journalist has earned Malpass exclusive interviews with some of the nation's most prominent politicians and public figures. Over the course of her career, these figures have included: former Presidents Barack Obama and Gerald Ford; former Vice Presidents Joseph Biden and George H.W. Bush; Secretaries Hillary Clinton and Colin Powell; reporters and anchors Oprah Winfrey, Diane Sawyer, Barbara Walters, and Helen Thomas; and actors Al Pacino and Diane Keaton; and

WHEREAS, Malpass has interviewed every Governor, U.S. Senator, Congressperson, State Senator and State Representative from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the States of Delaware and New Jersey for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, As an anchor for 6abc, Malpass has covered notable events in the City of Philadelphia and around the world. Locally, she covered the Eagles Super Bowl game in 2005 and Pope Francis' U.S. visit to Philadelphia in 2015. She has emceed the Pennsylvania Conference for Women on numerous occasions. Malpass has represented Philadelphia nationally and internationally, reporting on the inaugurations of Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton, and the funeral of Princess Diana in London; and

WHEREAS, Malpass has earned many awards in recognition of her influence and accomplishments as a journalist, beginning with her naming to the Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Women in 1996, and earning 1st Place for Spot News from the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters in 1998. She was later named Broadcaster of the Year by Women in Communications, Best Female Broadcaster by Main Line Today Magazine, and has earned 1st Place by the Society of Professional Journalists over several years. In 2006, she was inducted in the Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant on and off the air, Malpass has served on the Boards of Directors at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Children's Seashore House. She is also a member of the Union League of Philadelphia and volunteers with numerous local charities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and recognize the career of Monica Malpass on the occasion of her 30-Year Anniversary as a journalist for Philadelphia's ABC News.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Monica Malpass as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.