

## Legislation Text

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Honoring and remembering the life of William Bethel, and offering our deepest and sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all those grieving his untimely death.

WHEREAS, William Bethel was a life-long resident of Philadelphia, residing in the Roxborough Neighborhood. The sixteen-year-old was a sophomore at Boys' Latin of Philadelphia High School, where he was an honor student; and

WHEREAS, William Bethel was a scholar athlete who was the Quarterback of the School's Football Team. He was also an active participant in boxing and basketball; and

WHEREAS, William Bethel was loved and respected by his teachers and peers and was described as a kind, magnetic spirit and, a "leader with a warm heart and gentle smile" ; and

WHEREAS, The life of William Bethel was tragically cut short when he passed away on April 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, April 8, 2018 a candlelight vigil was held at one of Bethel's favorite hangout spots, the Houston Playground in Andorra, to remember his life and legacy; and

WHEREAS, The loss of William Bethel has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, fellow students, and neighbors. He will forever be missed, but the impact he has made on the lives of many shall be remembered; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby honors and remembers the life of William Bethel.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of William Bethel as further evidence of the sincere admiration and gratitude of this legislative body.