

Legislation Text

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Honoring and Recognizing Sharmain Matlock-Turner, Urban Affairs Coalition President and CEO.

WHEREAS, The Urban Affairs Coalition, formerly GPUAC, with more than 350 employees, in partnership with a diverse Board of Directors made up of business, nonprofit, and community leaders, unites government, businesses, neighborhoods, and individual initiatives to improve the quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, The organization's efforts are focused in four areas: improving life chances for youth and young adults; building wealth in low-income communities; forging strategic partnerships; and strengthening the nonprofit sector through fiscal sponsorship. The organization has successfully managed more than \$1 billion in social capital over its 50-year history; and

WHEREAS, Successful UAC initiatives include: programs to end homelessness; HIV/AIDS education; a bankers' collaborative that drives community investment; a multi-partner city-wide effort to close the digital divide; a citywide campaign to employ Philadelphia's low-income teens during the summer; a partnership in the City of Philadelphia's free, quality pre-K programs; co-convening of the Philadelphia's Read by 4th Campaign; and consulting to improve contracting and employment opportunities for women and people of color in commercial construction; and

WHEREAS, Sharmain Matlock-Turner serves on numerous committees, including her recent appointment by Council President Darrell Clarke as co-chair of the Special Committee on Poverty Reduction and Prevention and her appointment by Governor Tom Wolf to the Pennsylvania Redistricting Reform Commission. Mayor Jim Kenney appointed her to the Workforce Development Steering Committee; she serves on the Independence Health Group Advisory Board for Consumer and Business Affairs; she chairs the Fashion District Economic Opportunity Oversight Committee; and she serves on the Comcast Innovation Center Economic Opportunity Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sharmain Matlock-Turner serves on the following civic, government, business, and education boards: Pierce College; the Regional Federal Reserve Bank's Economic and Community Advisory Council; Entrepreneur Works; The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia; The Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia; The Uplift Solutions; The Philadelphia Council for College and Career Success; Foundations National Advisory Board; and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. She is co-founder and chair of the twenty-year-old West Oak Lane Charter School, a founding member of the National Network of Fiscal Sponsors, and a guest host on 6ABC's public affairs television program *Inside Story*; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud to honor and recognize Sharmain Matlock-Turner, Urban Affairs Coalition President and CEO on the occasion of UAC's 50th Anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of her leadership with the distinction of being the first woman at the helm of UAC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby honors and recognizes Sharmain Matlock-Turner, Urban Affairs Coalition President and CEO.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Sharmain Matlock-Turner as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.