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Honoring Richard M. Englert upon his retirement as Temple University's President and his contributions to Temple and Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Richard M. Englert has served Temple University since 1985 when he joined the school as a professor in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, After forty-five years and seventeen different posts at the University, Mr. Englert announced his retirement from Temple to its Board of Trustees effective next year. He is the 11th President of Temple University; and

WHEREAS, A native of Detroit, Michigan, Englert is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where he was awarded a doctoral degree in Educational Administration in 1976. He also earned a master's degree in Elementary Education from Pepperdine University in 1971 and a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from St. John's Seminary College in California in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Englert has been at the helm of Temple's greatest progress into a new level of academic excellence and its elevation to the national and international stage; and

WHEREAS, Under his guidance, the university welcomed its largest and most academically qualified classes of new students and broke records for freshman applications; and

WHEREAS, Temple had its first Rhodes Scholar and has seen a steady rise of national and international recognition for students through Fulbright and other scholarship programs. Student-athletes also reached new levels of success on the field and off, with unprecedented academic results; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, groundbreaking research by Temple faculty solidified the university's place among the most active research institutions in the nation. The university has continued to enhance its campus, symbolized by the state-of-the-art Charles Library, recognized around the world for its innovation, design and value to the university's academic program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Englert also expanded Temple's relationship with its surrounding community through the creation of the North Central Special Services District, focused efforts to hire local residents whenever possible, as well as the largest community jobs fair in the City of Philadelphia and scholarships designed just for residents who live in the neighborhoods around Temple's campuses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors Richard M. Englert upon his retirement as Temple University's President and his contributions to Temple and Philadelphia.