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Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia natives, Questlove, Jazmine Sullivan, and the Philadelphia Orchestra for a stellar 2022 award season, collectively winning an Oscar and four Grammys for outstanding contributions to music and film.

WHEREAS, Jazmine Sullivan, a singer-songwriter and North Philadelphia native from the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood, won her first-ever Grammy Awards for Best R&B Album, for her critically acclaimed LP, *Heaux Tales* and Best Vocal Performance for *Pick Up Your Feelings*.

WHEREAS, After the early success of *Bust Your Windows* and *Need You Bad* and a nearly six-year hiatus, Jazmine released *Heaux Tales* on January 8, 2021, with first-week sales of 42,000 copies, debuting at number four on the US *Billboard* 200 chart, becoming her highest-peaking album, with its standout hit “Pick up Your Feelings”, Jazmine’s first ever Gold Single, receiving two nominations alone; and

WHEREAS, Quest Love aka Ahmir Thompson, University of the Arts alum, famed Philly DJ, talented drummer and founding member of the Roots, , made his directorial debut in 2021 with the *Summer of Soul*, a feature-length film exploring the Harlem Cultural Festival of 1969, and featuring performances by Stevie Wonder, Mahalia Jackson, Nina Simone, Sly and the Family Stone, and other top soul, jazz, gospel, and Latin artists of the era, that ultimately snagged an Oscar for Best Documentary Feature and a Grammy for Best Music Film; and

WHEREAS, Debuting to widespread critical praise, *Summer of Soul* won a host of other awards, including both the US Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award for documentary at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival, Best Documentary Feature at the 6th Critics' Choice Documentary Awards, sweeping six awards at that ceremony, and Best Documentary at the 75th British Academy Film Awards, and set a new Sundance Film Festival record for documentary film acquisition price when Searchlight Pictures acquired the film for distribution in theaters and on Hulu; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Orchestra, under the direction of Yannick Nézet-Séguin, conductor was awarded a Grammy for Best Orchestral Performance for its rendition of "Price: Symphonies Nos. 1 & 3" ; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia continues to be a standout for arts and culture with a global reach that cannot be denied; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and congratulates Philadelphia natives, Questlove, Jazmine Sullivan and the Philadelphia Orchestra for a stellar 2022 award season, collectively winning an Oscar and four Grammys for outstanding contributions to music and film.