

Legislation Text

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Recognizing the Drexel University Black Alumni Council for the release of its first book, '*A Legacy to Share, Navigating Life's Challenges and Celebrating Our Greatest Achievements.*'

WHEREAS, In 2022, the Drexel University Black Alumni Council (DUBAC) released their first book, '*DUBAC: A Legacy to Share, Navigating Life's Challenges & Celebrating Our Greatest Achievements*'; and

WHEREAS, This collection of stories was published through the efforts of the Alumni Editorial Team led by Angela Dowd-Burton, Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor PhD, Geoffrey L. Howland and Betty Jean Wolfe, in collaboration with Scott Stein, director of Drexel Publishing Group; and

WHEREAS, *A Legacy to Share* was written by the DUBAC as an antidote to the despair resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, social unrest, racial injustice, economic uncertainty, and political upheaval that influenced 2020; and

WHEREAS, *A Legacy to Share* is a collection of 56 vibrant life stories written by Black Drexel alumni who have excelled across multiple fields and industries. Each writer shares their experiences in their authentic voice and their secrets of resilience with the next generation; and

WHEREAS, This collection of short stories includes the life lessons of William Sidney Pittman, the first African American graduate of Drexel University, education advocate Barbara Johns Powell, political powerhouse Augusta Clark, and many other notable Black Drexel alums, educators and administrators; and

WHEREAS, *A Legacy to Share* also highlights the groundbreaking work of WKDU 91.7 FM Communicators showcasing the Black Experience and Drexel and beyond from 1970 through 1984; and

WHEREAS, Contributing authors come from a variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, painting a rich tapestry of Philadelphia's culture and history, and providing unique viewpoints of the college experience, and life beyond graduation; and

WHEREAS, Authors share reflections of courage, humor, humility, and resilience that will have a tremendous impact on college and high schools as well as the broader community. From pilots, to NASA engineers and NBA players, their stories demonstrate grit and gratitude for the mentors, advocates, angels, and supporters found on Drexel's campus and within our broader community; and

WHEREAS, *A Legacy to Share* will not only inspire students, but professionals seeking proven strategies for advancing their careers and life contributions. *A Legacy to Share, Navigating Life Challenges and Celebrating Our Achievements* is for everyone, all races, ethnic groups, and ages. It is for anyone who has a dream; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes the Drexel University Black Alumni Council for the release of its first book, '*A Legacy to Share, Navigating Life's Challenges and Celebrating Our Greatest Achievements.*'

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Drexel University Black Alumni Council, as a sign of the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.