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Recognizing and honoring prominent public servants during Hispanic Heritage Month, who contribute to the health and economic wellness of Philadelphians.

.WHEREAS, The health and wealth of Philadelphia should be reflected in the quality of life of all of its citizens. The individuals honored by this legislative body strive to create a City and a society in which the needs of the body have been fulfilled and addressed; and

WHEREAS, These individuals ask not how much, but how good, their services and actions can serve the people. Their work seeks to increase quality of life, raising the health and economic wellness of Philadelphians through what they do; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is a City of great promise and challenge, in which some of us may enjoy good lives, but far too many remain trapped by poverty and inequality; and

WHEREAS, We honor Alba Martinez, who leads the charge in changing the ways we shape commerce in our City. Martinez has developed the Grow Philly Strategic Roadmap, aimed at streamlining business processes, driving inclusive growth, revitalizing commercial corridors, and positioning Philadelphia as a global business hub with a skilled, performance-driven workforce; and

WHEREAS, Her nonprofit and government work include leading the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, where she introduced a results-driven funding model, and as Philadelphia's Commissioner of Human Services, where she reduced the number of children in foster care by 50%, while DHS also began allocating \$100 million of investment into the creation of a prevention system. At Congreso de Latinos Unidos, she launched Pennsylvania's first Latina domestic violence program and a carpenters union training initiative; and

WHEREAS, We look to honor Deputy Commissioner Pedro R. Rosario for his promotion to Deputy Commissioner, as the first Latino officer to hold the position in the 226-year history of law enforcement in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, DC Rosario was sworn in on Jan. 11 at the 24th and 25th Police District station at 3901 Whitaker Ave. DC Rosario has served 27 years in the Police Department, totaling 30 dedicated and honorable years of service to the City of Philadelphia. During his service, DC Rosario was decorated twelve times, receiving medals for his bravery and heroism; and

WHEREAS, We are called to honor Dr. Jamile Tellez Lieberman, who graduated from Drexel University's Dornsife School of Public Health with a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree in June 2022, where she completed a dissertation on the mental health impacts of parental deportation among U.S.-citizen children of Mexican immigrants, exploring the role of anti-immigrant and anti-Latino discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lieberman was selected as a Global Alliance for Training in Health Equity Research

(GATHER) Fellow, working with the National Institute for Public Health of Mexico on COVID-19 orphanhood initiatives. Dr. Tellez Lieberman has made significant contributions to public health through her work with the Latino Health Collective in Philadelphia and the DrPH Coalition, including serving on a taskforce for the Tule River Indian Tribe in California; and

WHEREAS, We recognize David Piña, a restauranter based in Philadelphia and a community organizer focused on celebrating culture and heritage in Philadelphia's Latino Community; and

WHEREAS, Piña is a born leader who has taken bold action throughout his life. He moved to Mexico City on his own at age 14 and ran a kitchen at a local restaurant by the time he was 17, catching the attention of other chefs, artists, and celebrities. When he was 19, he immigrated to Philadelphia where he started again from the bottom of the restaurant industry and quickly worked his way up, purchasing a restaurant of his own, Tamalex, in 2011 and expanding to a second location in 2024; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and honors our prominent public servants during Hispanic Heritage Month, who contribute to the health and economic wellness of Philadelphians.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be sent to Alba Martinez, Deputy Commissioner Pedro Rosario, David Piña and Dr. Jamile Tellez Lieberman, as evidence of the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.