



Legislation Text

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Honoring and recognizing Philadelphia Academies, Inc. for its dedicated service to the students of Philadelphia since 1969 and for its ongoing commitment to providing innovative solutions that empower young people to succeed academically and professionally.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia Academies, Inc. (PAI) was established in 1969 by Charles Bowser and Lee Everett, who launched the first career academy at Edison High School to address the dropout crisis in Philadelphia schools. The creation of Career Academies by PAI has since been embraced by over 8,000 schools nationwide, laying the foundation for a transformative educational model that emphasizes career readiness; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia Academies, Inc. has continually evolved to support Workforce Development, Teacher and School Leader Support, and Industry Organizing, driving successful student outcomes, including post-secondary education opportunities and placement into life-sustaining career pathways, and

WHEREAS, PAI has made a significant impact by supporting 35 schools, 375 teachers and administrators, and over 4,800 students annually, empowering them to achieve academic and career success, and

WHEREAS, PAI's work is rooted in the values of equity, innovation, collaboration, and integrity, ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, are given the opportunity to succeed. PAI has expanded its programming to include middle school career initiatives, high school workforce development, capacity-building for educators, and industry organizing, all designed to meet the needs of a constantly changing world; and

WHEREAS, PAI's mission to work with students, educators, and partners to improve outcomes for Philadelphia's young people continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of students, and

WHEREAS, PAI envisions a future where all young people have the skills, resources, and networks to reach their full potential, creating a brighter and more equitable future for Philadelphia's youth, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and recognizes Philadelphia Academies, Inc. for its 56 years of dedicated service to the students of Philadelphia, and for continuing to provide innovative solutions that empower young people to succeed academically and professionally.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Philadelphia Academies, Inc. as a token of appreciation for its ongoing contributions to the Philadelphia community and its unwavering commitment to the success of its students