



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 110455

Introduced May 26, 2011

Councilmember Jones

RESOLUTION

Honoring Wendy “Lady-B” Clark, hip-hop pioneer and one of the first female radio personalities to introduce the musical genre of hip-hop, for thirty years of dedication to her art and most importantly, her community.

WHEREAS, Wendy “Lady-B” Clark is an American rapper from West Philadelphia where she attended Overbrook High School. Wendy “Lady-B” Clark is one of the earliest female rappers in hip-hop history and one of the first to record a studio album and the first in Philadelphia, with the single “To the Beat Y’all”; and

WHEREAS, Even as women were subject to great discrimination in journalism and radio broadcasting, Wendy “Lady-B” Clark began her career with the W.H.A.T. radio station in 1979 where she was hired full time after serving as an intern; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her artistic achievements, Wendy “Lady-B” Clark has committed to using her resources and talent to improve the City of Philadelphia by using her radio talk show, “The Street Beat” as a community forum to discuss issues, as well as, promoting hip-hop music on air; and

WHEREAS, Wendy “Lady-B” Clark has received the world renowned “Entertainment Role Model of Excellence Award,” as evidence of her high levels of commitment to the community and the youth of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Wendy “Lady-B” Clark has worked closely with the Peace and Love Foundation to promote anti-violence and peaceful resolutions to violence among the youth of Philadelphia; and address the effects of youth violence such as: flash mobs, bullying, verbal slurs, and lack of respect for life and elders; and

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WHEREAS, Wendy “Lady-B” Clark hosted a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, to address violence amongst the young of Philadelphia with parents, administrators and legislators; now therefore,

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors Wendy “Lady-B” Clark, hip-hop pioneer and one of the first female radio personalities to introduce the musical genre of hip-hop, for thirty years of dedication to her art and most importantly, her community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Wendy “Lady-B” Clark as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.