

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 120686)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing, Honoring, And Celebrating Club Valiants, Incorporated on Their 50th Anniversary and the Premiere of their Documentary, “Club Valiants, Inc. 50 Years of Keeping the Fire Burning For Justice.”

WHEREAS, The Valiants were organized in March 1962 by Lieutenant Samuel Singleton for the purpose of forming a fraternal organizations of minority firefighters, to foster fellowship, convey information among members, counsel members, performing fire safety and prevention awareness in the minority community, and seeking promotion within the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Club Valiants Incorporated was created and founded by Samuel Singleton, Alfred Means, Junius Singletary, Ronald Lewis, Edmund Wells, Charles Hendricks, Donald Brown, William Brogden, Clarence Brogden, Lemuel Roberts, Lenny Rauser, Dabe Mitchell, Joseph Marshall, John Jackson, Willie Jackson, Roosevelt Barlow, James Brown, Kenneth Babb, Egbert Board, Samuel Davis, Dalmund Edmunds, Edward Jordan, Lloyd Edwards, George Robinson, Howard Rhone, Eugene Turnipseed, James Smith, Maurice Williams, and Rudolph Holloway; and

WHEREAS, On October 3, 1970, Club Valiants Incorporated along with four other organizations from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware founded the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters (IABPFF) in Hartford, Connecticut. This organization was founded with the purpose of cultivating and maintaining professional competence among fire fighters, the establishment of unity among fire service workers, also keeping alive the interest among retired members for the avowed purpose of improving their social status, and increasing professional efficiency. With a current membership of 5100 members in 90 chapters, the Valiants consist of the largest group in the IABPFF; and

WHEREAS, The Valiants have sought, in all their words and deeds to live up to their chosen motto, “Good Conduct and Courage Lead To Honor”; and

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WHEREAS, Through service and support, members of Club Valiants, Inc., have distinguished themselves by their individual and collective contributions to the fire service on a local, national and international level; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes, honors, and celebrates Club Valiants, Incorporated, on their 50th Anniversary and the premiere of their documentary, "*Club Valiants, Inc. 50 Years of Keeping the Fire Burning For Justice*".

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Club Valiants, Inc., as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirteenth of September, 2012.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Bass

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, Jones, Oh, Goode, Blackwell and Kenney