

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 041056)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and mourning the death of Obra S. Kernodle, III.

WHEREAS, Obra S. Kernodle, III was born in Philadelphia and was a graduate of Central High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from Temple University in 1969, where he was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Upon graduation, he served briefly in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Obra went on to earn a law degree from Columbia University in 1974, and worked for IBM and Sun Oil Company prior to becoming regional director for the United States Department of Energy. In 1980, he began a private law practice in Center City, and became one of Philadelphia's most prominent and well-respected lawyers. Most recently, he was General Counsel to the Philadelphia Parking Authority, and a board member of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and his client list includes: the School District of Philadelphia, Northeastern Hospital, North Philadelphia Health Systems, Philadelphia Gas Works, Blue Cross and others; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Obra sought to empower Philadelphia's minority communities by bringing people together in a spirit of bipartisanship. Through his clear intelligence and quiet resolve, he sought to make this City and Commonwealth a better place for all who live here. He was a true gentleman admired by community, business and political leaders and his presence will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Obra's most lasting legacy will be his three children, Whytni, Raigan, and Obra IV, and his devotion to his extended family, including his grandmother, Ruby, and brother, Arturo.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor Obra S. Kernodle, III for a lifetime of achievement to the people of the City of Philadelphia. His unwavering commitment to the people of Philadelphia will serve as an inspiration to future generations.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Kernodle's children as evidence of the sincere sentiment and high esteem 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 second of December, 2004.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Nutter

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Nutter, Tasco, Reynolds Brown, Mariano, Miller, Kenney, Blackwell, Cohen, Clarke, Krajewski, Ramos, DiCicco, Kelly, Rizzo, Council President Verna and Councilmember O'Neill