

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 060839)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 15th Annual “My City, My Place,” Brighter Futures Awards Event sponsored by the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services, on Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia will participate in the 15th Annual “*My City, My Place*” Brighter Futures Awards Event on Wednesday, November 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, The event pays tribute to citizens in Philadelphia for providing individuals living with mental retardation the opportunity to experience community inclusion, thus helping them lead an "everyday life" in the community; and

WHEREAS, The event recognizes honorees and their work with citizens who live with mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, The honorees include: a mother and son, neighborhood businesses, an employment specialist, direct support professionals in the field of providing mental retardation services, and two people who receive supports and services; and

WHEREAS, The celebration highlights the outstanding work of the Public Awareness Committee of Mental Retardation Services, the committee responsible for: the Inclusion Works, Arts Contest for Philadelphia Public School Children, The Points of Transformation Awards for Direct Support Professionals, and the *Family Forum Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Public Awareness Committee consist of: citizens receiving services and supports, family members, service providers, advocates and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, These civic leaders are dedicated to their campaign, “*It's all about community*” a mission promoting inclusion of people with mental retardation in the everyday life of the community; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby commend this year's "Brighter Futures" family of awardees, as we extend our best wishes, and the respect and admiration of this legislative body to the honorees, and the members of the Public Awareness Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the members from the Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services 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 second of November, 2006.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, DiCicco, Kenney, Krajewski, Kelly, Goode, Miller, Rizzo, Tasco, Blackwell, Clarke and Ramos