

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 070550)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and Commending Steven Caldwell and *The Original Orlons* for their work with the Department of Education to improve the qualities of life and service for children, and creating a musical legacy that has brought fame and pride to the City of Philadelphia through entertaining audiences world-wide and spreading the Philadelphia Sound.

WHEREAS, The Orlons originated with four Overbrook High School students; baritone singer Steven Caldwell along with Shirley Brickley, Rosetta Hightower and Marlena Davis supported by a first-rate musical rhythm section; and

WHEREAS, Steven Caldwell and The Orlons recorded their first hit record for Cameo-Parkway Records in 1961 with "I'll Be True" "Mr. Twenty-One," "Wah-Watusi," "Don't Hang Up" followed by "South Street" (in 1963), "Not Me," "Cross Fire," "Don't Throw Your Love Away," "Bon-Doo-Wah," "Shimmy Shimmy," "Rules of Love," "Knock Knock"; and

WHEREAS, The Orlons have made appearances on "Dick Clark's American Bandstand," "At the Drive-In" PBS television special, "10 on 10" and other numerous television programs throughout the 60's to the present; and

WHEREAS, Steven Caldwell's musical career continues to takes him across the United States and to Europe with his group, and regularly performing for thousands upon thousands of people has allowed him to maintain the lineage and heritage of The Orlons; and

WHEREAS, The Orlons have recently been featured on Cameo-Parkway CD release, "Malt Shop Memories," a culmination of all of the greatest hits recorded and released by the famous Cameo-Parkway studio label; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell has contributed through his work with *Treasure to the Children and Workers of Philadelphia's Educational System*, and to our City's Worldwide reputation as the Musical Capital of the World; and

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WHEREAS, The Orlons should not be overlooked for their musical contributions to our City and deserve consideration for recognition on Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts Walk of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent, that from this resolution Philadelphia will have undoubtedly acknowledged the achievements and contributions to this important musical group; now, therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and commend Steven Caldwell and *The Original Orlons* for their work with the Department of Education and children to improve the qualities of life and service, and creating a musical legacy that has brought fame and pride to the City of Philadelphia through entertaining audiences world-wide and spreading the Philadelphia Sound.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The Orlons (Steven Caldwell, Ms. Jean Brickley, Ms. Madeline Morris and Ms. Alberta Crump) 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 seventh of June, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Reynolds Brown
DiCicco, Rizzo, Tasco, Goode, Kelly, Miller, Greenlee, O'Neill,
Kenney, Clarke and Krajewski