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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating 900 AM WURD Radio on the occasion
2 of its tenth anniversary as "The Voice of the Community."

3 WHEREAS, WURD radio was established in 2003 by LEVAS
4 Communications under the leadership of Dr. Walter Lomax on the
5 principle that communication and dialogue are central components
6 to empowerment; and

7 WHEREAS, WURD remains the only African-American owned and
8 operated talk radio station in this Commonwealth working
9 tirelessly to educate, inspire and uplift listeners; and

10 WHEREAS, WURD blossomed under the expert leadership of
11 General Managers W. Cody Anderson, Kernie Anderson and David W.
12 Brown, all of whom widely expanded WURD's listenership and sales
13 revenue during their respective tenures; and

14 WHEREAS, WURD is proudly home to some of the most innovative,
15 proactive, community-oriented and influential minds native to
16 the Philadelphia region, including the late Reggie Bryant, the

1 late Dr. Frank Wyatt, the late Rob Murray, State Representative
2 Louise W. Bishop, Kenny Gamble, Dr. Lucille Ijoy, Sultan Ahmad,
3 Minister Rodney Muhammad, Joey Temple, Vikki Leach, Darryl Gale,
4 Thera Martin-Milling and Molefi Asante; and

5 WHEREAS, WURD has remained at the forefront of advancing
6 industry-related technology, thereby broadening its local,
7 national and international audience through the relaunching of
8 its website, professional usage of social media and a customized
9 WURD application to ensure that listeners never miss a word; and

10 WHEREAS, WURD continues to admirably exhibit its motto of "On
11 Air, On-line, in the Community," under the tutelage of Sara
12 Lomax Reese, by hosting quarterly interactive symposiums geared
13 to explore the latest news, best practices and debates in
14 politics, education, health care, behavioral health, personal
15 financial health, cultural and economic development, criminal
16 justice, social activism and civic engagement; and

17 WHEREAS, WURD also hosts a series of intergenerational
18 conversations led by professional experts from a variety of
19 industries titled "Evenings with the Masters"; and

20 WHEREAS, WURD has established strategic partnerships to offer
21 ground-breaking initiatives with nonprofit, corporate and
22 educational entities; and

23 WHEREAS, WURD continues to be a progressive and innovative
24 venue of empowerment and education; a platform for well-
25 respected intellectuals and activists committed to equipping
26 listeners with a historically objective analysis of news and
27 information; and a sounding board for residents who are working
28 to improve the quality of life for all residents, domestic and
29 international; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor, recognize

1 and congratulate 900 AM WURD Radio on the auspicious occasion of
2 its tenth year anniversary as "The Voice of the Community."