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Honoring and Recognizing
The Youth Courts Founders and Supporters

The Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud to honor and recognize the outstanding efforts and achievements of the many founders and supporters of the Youth Courts who have integrated restorative justice methods, taught civic responsibility, and promoted community involvement all to promote the goal of reduced recidivism and delinquency as well as inspire our youth towards achievement, empowerment, and self-realization.

Whereas, Dr. Edgar S. Cahn, President and Founder of the Time Dollar USA, developed "Co-Production", the founding principle of the Time Dollar Youth Court established in 1996. Located in Washington, D.C., the Youth Court turns former respondents into co-producers of change by engaging youth in evolving the shape of juvenile justice. The program now assists more than 400 youth each year, the majority of them former delinquents who now may actualize their leadership potential, and

Whereas, The Stoneleigh Foundation is committed to investing in individuals who promote the ideas of a just civic society, while focusing on child welfare and juvenile justice issues, and have invested in Gregg Vole who independently spearheaded a comprehensive Youth Courts initiative that has improved the lives of so many students, and

Whereas, The Honorable Judge Marjorie Rendell, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Youth Court Advisory Board, chaired a statewide meeting to discuss the complex logistics of a public/private coordinated effort to increase the use of youth courts, so that community leaders may serve as mentors to our young people; and

Whereas, Keith Bailey, Philadelphia Physicians for Social Responsibility, as well as the organization "Communities In Schools" have supported the original Philadelphia Youth Court initiative since 1998. These parties believe that students who commit minor offenses are best served by remaining in school, and fostering engagement with their school community. They have been committed to creating a positive school culture that emphasizes responsibility for the past 14 years in Philadelphia; and

Whereas, Through the leadership of David Treweave, Director of Pre-Entry initiatives for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, committed volunteers from our prestigious law schools, with the support of the D.A. Attorney's Office have promoted innovative solutions to the complex problems that plague our schools. By engaging young people in a participatory process that instills confidence, empathy, and personal knowledge of the justice system, Youth Courts create positive teachable moments and promote restorative justice.

Therefore, By virtue of this Citation, the Council of the City of Philadelphia does hereby honor and recognize the outstanding efforts and achievements of the many founders and supporters of the Youth Courts who have integrated restorative justice methods, taught civic responsibility, and promoted community involvement, all to achieve the goal of reduced recidivism and delinquency, as well as inspire our youth towards achievement, empowerment, and self-realization. We extend to them the sincere respect and admiration of this body. Congratulations!

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