

## **RESOLUTION**

Recognizing and honoring Ray Didinge for being inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Ray Didinge, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, is a prominent sportswriter and commentator, and a resident of the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Didinge is a 1968 graduate of Temple University and a member of the Temple University School of Communications Hall of Fame. Didinge wrote for the Philadelphia Bulletin and the Philadelphia Daily News for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Didinge was named "Pennsylvania Sportswriter of the Year" five times by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. In 1995, he won the Dick McCann Award for his long and distinguished coverage of pro-football and his name was added to the Writers Honor Roll in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Didinge's work also earned him six Emmy Awards as a producer and writer with NFL Films; and

WHEREAS, Didinge is the author of 11 books, including three recent best-sellers: The New Eagles Encyclopedia, One Last Read and The Ultimate Book of Sports Movies. In 2016, Didinge wrote his first play: Tommy and Me. The play was performed locally by Theatre Exile; and

WHEREAS, Didinge is the first print journalist inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. He is a host on 94WIP All Sports Radio in Philadelphia and he is a football analyst on Comcast Sports Net's Eagles Pre-Game Live and Post-Game Live shows; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Ray Didinge's famed career was further memorialized when he was inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame; Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes and honors Ray Didinge for being inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Ray Didinge as evidence of the sincere appreciation and admiration of this legislative body.

Curtis Jones, Jr.  
Councilman, 4<sup>th</sup> District

November 30, 2017