

Resolution

Honoring and congratulating First Deputy Commissioner Melvin Singleton on the occasion of his retirement from the Philadelphia Police Department after 27 years of dedicated service and recognizing his exceptional leadership and accomplishments over a distinguished career in public service

WHEREAS, First Deputy Commissioner Melvin Singleton was born and raised in Southwest Philadelphia, graduating from West Philadelphia High School; and

WHEREAS, D/C Singleton joined the Air Force Reserves where he served in the 514th Civil Engineering Squadron for 10 years. D/C Singleton attained a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University and a master's degree in Public Safety Management from St. Joseph's University; and

WHEREAS, D/C Singleton went on to join the Philadelphia Police Department in 1993; and

WHEREAS, During his career he served as an officer in the 19th District in West Philadelphia, a sergeant in the 15th District in Northeast Philadelphia and in the 16th District in West Philadelphia, a lieutenant in the 1st District in South Philadelphia, a lieutenant in the citywide Narcotics Field Unit, and was appointed to the 19th District as Captain on August 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, As captain, D/C Singleton extensively worked with the community focusing on reducing crime in the West Philadelphia area; and

WHEREAS, He was later assigned as the commanding Officer of the Elite Highway Patrol Unit, and was then promoted in 2015 to the rank of inspector and assigned to the Narcotics Division. In this division, D/C Singleton worked to create enforcement strategies to address the heroin epidemic in sections of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, In March 2017, D/C Singleton was promoted to chief inspector, the highest civil service rank in the police department, where he served as the commanding officer of the Homeland Security Bureau. In March 2020, D/C Singleton was promoted to First Deputy Commissioner, where he has served until his retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, D/C Singleton's diligence and commitment to protecting and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Philadelphia has been seen throughout his distinguished career, and we thank him for his service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Honors and congratulates First Deputy Commissioner Melvin Singleton on the occasion of his retirement from the Philadelphia Police Department after 27 years of dedicated service and recognizes his exceptional leadership and accomplishments over a distinguished career in public service.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to First Deputy Commissioner Melvin Singleton as evidence of the sincere appreciation of this legislative body.

Introduced by **Kenyatta Johnson** 2nd District Councilmember

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