

## Resolution

**Honor and Commend Mary J. Blige for her involvement with Radio One's (WPHI 100.3 The Beat and 107.9 WRNB) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Music & Entertainment Conference, Sunday March 16, 2008, for her leadership in the community and contributions to the music industry, and as a 2008 Honorary Women Making a Difference Awardee**

**Whereas**, Mary Jane Blige is an American R&B, soul, hip-hop singer, songwriter, record producer, actress and icon who has sold more than 40 million records and over 10 million singles worldwide; and

**Whereas**, she is widely known as the Queen of Hip-Hop Soul, and has received over 26 Grammy nominations for her work being fortunate to win eight; and

**Whereas**, her artistic evolution and commercial success throughout the years have allowed her to excel and exert her own influence over a new generation of artists participating at Philadelphia's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Music and Entertainment Conference on March 16, 2008; and

**Whereas**, the Music and Entertainment Conference is a forum in which consumers and listeners will benefit from receiving information from a diverse group of panelists on how to launch a career in the music business; and

**Whereas**, this year's event will be at the Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia and will feature seven workshops with topics on a broad range of interests in the entertainment industry; and

**Whereas**, the attendees of this event are music enthusiasts venturing into the entertainment world, seeking guidance from high profile stars; and

**Whereas**, with the participation of Mary J. Blige this event intends to provide support services to individuals within Philadelphia to create a community of artists striving toward a broad range of music and entertainment dreams; and

**Whereas**, currently Mary J. Blige, the proud wife to Martin Kendu Issacs, is working to expand her career further by acting and her philanthropic efforts as a spokesperson for Carol's Daughter and MAC beauty supplies, AIDS Fund, and she is the owner of her own record label called Matriarch Records; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the City of Council of Philadelphia**, that we hereby honor and commend Mary J. Blige for her involvement with Radio One's (WPHI 100.3 The Beat and 107.9 WRNB) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Music & Entertainment Conference, Sunday March 16, 2008, for her leadership in the community and her extraordinary contributions to the music industry, and as a 2008 Honorary Women Making a Difference awardee.

**Further Resolved**, That an engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mary J. Blige as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

Blondell Reynolds Brown  
Councilwoman At-Large  
February 28, 2008

