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Title...

Proclamation welcoming members of the A. Philip Randolph Institute Chapters attending the Northeast Regional Conference, April 8-10, 2016 at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Body...

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) Chapter is honored to host the APRI Northeast Regional Conference being held April 8-10, 2016 at the Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, A. Philip Randolph was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and the American Labor Movement, who organized and led the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP), the nation's first Black Labor Union; and

WHEREAS, A. Philip Randolph promoted unionism throughout the Black community and helped to organize workers from Virginia shipyards to elevator operators in New York City; and

WHEREAS, A. Philip Randolph was an outspoken advocate for equality and took a leading role in efforts to redress discrimination in employment and the armed forces. He was a principal organizer with Bayard Rustin of the 1963 March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, A. Philip Randolph was awarded the presidential Medal of Freedom for his lifelong work for universal civil rights; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the commitment to continue Mr. Randolph's important work by all APRI Chapters in the Northeast Region, led by President Richard Womack;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Allegheny County Council does hereby welcome members of the APRI Chapters attending the A. Philip Randolph Institute Northeast Regional Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.