

City of Wilmington
Delaware



City Council

June 2, 2011

Sponsor: Council Member Hanifa G.N. Shabazz

Whereas, Wilmington City Council wishes to recognize and commend **THE FRIENDS OF FURNESS RAILROAD DISTRICT** for their tireless work and commitment in presenting the historical and cultural significance of the District that includes the Wilmington Train Station, the Pennsylvania Railroad office building, the Water Street Station of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the four mile long Wilmington viaduct; and

Whereas, The three buildings in the district represent the only remaining collection of railroad buildings designed by the architect, Frank Furness, and have been labeled a National Treasure by railroad historians; and

Whereas, The Friends of Furness Railroad District designed and installed a historic exhibit entitled, **"Wilmington's Railroad Heritage,"** in the renamed Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Train Station. The organization also sponsored a public ribbon cutting and station open house on March 19, 2011, for the benefit of Wilmington's residents and Amtrak passengers; and



Whereas, Delaware greatly benefits from the usage and location of the Wilmington Train Station and The Friends of Furness Railroad District are committed to keeping the station as a historical landmark in Wilmington.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Council Of The City Of Wilmington, That Wilmington City Council deems it duly fitting that The Friends of Furness Railroad District receive this resolution of commendation and recognition for a job well done!



Maribel Ruiz

City Clerk

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City Solicitor

Wilmington: A Place to be Somebody"