

City of Boston
IN

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF COUNCILLOR MICHAEL P. ROSS ON BEHALF OF
ALL COUNCILLORS

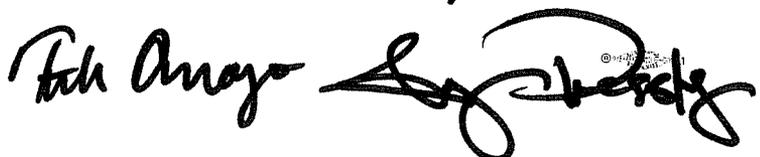
- WHEREAS:** On June 1, 1935, the Brotherhood of the Sleeping Car Porters became the first African-American labor union to receive a charter from the American Federation of Labor; and
- WHEREAS:** A. Philip Randolph was the Brotherhood's founder and first president, and showed great leadership and unwavering commitment to solidifying workers' rights under the law; and
- WHEREAS:** A. Philip Randolph became an active leader in the Civil Rights Movement, and helped to secure groundbreaking developments in the protection of the rights of workers regardless of their gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, and creed; and
- WHEREAS:** The groundbreaking work done by the Brotherhood revolutionized how American laws recognize minority rights, and resulted in changes that continue to influence further progress in rights and equality; and
- WHEREAS:** Veronica Turner was elected Executive Vice President of Local 1199 SEIU in June 2010, and we are celebrating her election today as the first female, African-American labor union leader in Massachusetts to be elected to such an important position; and
- WHEREAS:** Bostonians are gathering here today, October 28, 2010, to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. We use this opportunity to recognize the work of all labor leaders, in particular those who broke significant barriers; Therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That today, October 28, 2010, is officially declared Sleeping Car Porters Day in the City of Boston to celebrate the commitment of past, present, and future generations to upholding the dignity and legal rights of all workers in the United States of America.

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: October 28, 2010


Felicia Anayo