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TheDCH Dedicated Wilmington's First Urban Farm in honor of Late City Councilman Eric D. Robinson

Wilmington, DE – In the midst of an early summer rain, friends and family of the late Wilmington City Councilman Eric D. Robinson gathered for the dedication of the E.D. Robinson Urban Farm at 12th & Brandywine on Friday morning. The farm, operated by the Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH), is Wilmington's first urban farm and was founded in 2009 through the collective efforts of Robinson, TheDCH, City of Wilmington, and Delaware Urban Farm and Food Coalition, among others. Many members of Wilmington City government, City Council, and State government were also present to honor their former colleague and friend.

"Dedication is the key word for today as we gather to honor Eric Robinson and his legacy in Wilmington's 3rd District," said Vikram Krishnamurthy, TheDCH Executive Director. "It is only through Eric's dedication and the dedication of this community that this farm exists and is a successful example of what is possible through focused urban greening efforts and a collective interest in improving the quality of life for so many."

Led by Robinson and the 11th Street Bridge community, TheDCH facilitated the development of Wilmington's first urban farm out of a vacant, trash-strewn lot, which has been growing and thriving ever since. Consisting of 600 sq. ft. of intergenerational community garden space and 1,400 sq. ft. of commercial growing space, the farm supports a local food system providing residents with fresh fruits and vegetables in an area otherwise considered a food desert while also beautifying the local landscape.

"Eric firmly believed we have a universal responsibility to invest in our community, and of the many initiatives he was involved in, the urban farm was one of special importance to him," said Rosa Robinson, widow of Eric Robinson. "He always aimed to engage in projects that would enhance the quality of life not just for the Third District but for the entire City of Wilmington. This farm does just that."

The event also served as the official kickoff of the Urban Farm's Farmer's Market, which runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon until Labor Day. For more information on the Urban Farm or Farmer's Market, contact Ann Mattingly at 302-658-6262.

(Photos of the event are available upon request.)

The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates a greener community, inspiring appreciation and improvement of our environment through horticulture, education, and conservation.