

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 194

Approved April 14, 1978

WHEREAS, Edwin B. O'Reilly, M.D. will be the recipient of the "Ben Fish Award" the evening of April 6, 1978, when he will be feted by his friends and associates including His Excellency J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations for his life long dedication in providing medical care to his patients for over forty years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Reilly graduated from La Salle Academy in 1925 and received a Ph.B. Degree in 1930 from Providence College. In 1935 he received a Doctor of Medicine, Master of Surgery from McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal, Canada, and

WHEREAS, following his internship at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Providence, Dr. O'Reilly has been affiliated with Saint Joseph's Hospital since 1937, where during these 40 years he has held many positions within the structure of the hospital, formed and operated the Hematology and Diabetic Clinics, in conjunction with the late Father Hickey of Providence College and the late Dr. F. Burns, he initiated nuclear medicine at that hospital, served as Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Medical Staff and was Physician-in-Chief in 1955. His medical affiliations were also at Roger Williams Hospital from 1937 to 1975, and

WHEREAS, Upon opening his private office in August, 1937 for the General Practice of Medicine, he also began to take an active role in the community, when in association with the late Dr. F. Burns, Dr. O'Reilly formed the Student Health Services at his Alma Mater, Providence College in September, 1937, and was appointed the first Director of Student Health Services and has remained at the College in an active capacity for the past forty years, he received an Honorary Degree of Master of Arts in 1958, and Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law in 1965, and was also honored by the Mal Brown Club of the Providence College Alumni Association with the William J. McDonnell Award for service to Providence College, and

WHEREAS, He held Memberships in many professional and Civic Associations, and membership in the Providence and Rhode Island Medical Societies for approximately forty years, and

WHEREAS, In 1962, he joined the consulting staff at Vocational Rehabilitation and in 1965 he became Chief Medical Consultant for the agency while during these 16 years, Dr. O'Reilly has inspired the agency staff in providing timely and effective vocational rehabilitation services to the disabled population of Rhode Island, he fostered the use of new and innovative medical services in the field of rehabilitation to meet the unique needs of severely handicapped individuals, and

WHEREAS, Dr. O'Reilly recently philosophized about the medical delivery system and rehabilitation. He felt strongly that the Family Practitioner is the foundation of the medical profession, and that in rehabilitation, services should be liberalized and expanded as "hope springs eternal from the human breast",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honoring Edwin B. O'Reilly, M.D., with the 1978 "Ben Fish Award", he joins several deserving and distinguished honorees, starting from 1959 to the present date, the community in which he lives and still serves join in best wishes to him who has compiled nearly one half of a century of dedication to administering aid to the sick and afflicted and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in sponsoring this Resolution on the professional Vita of Edwin B. O'Reilly, M.D., Councilman Ralph Fargnoli joins, with the City Council of Providence, in congratulating him upon being recognized for his contributions to the betterment of the health of his patients, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon the adoption of this Resolution and its approval by the Mayor, the City Clerk is directed to transmit a duly engrossed copy thereof to Edwin B. O'Reilly, M.D.

Council President Pro Tempore Ferguson

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READ AND PASSED

Ralph Ferguson PRES.

Joseph Henderson CLERK

APPROVED

William H. Pence
MAYOR

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