

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 350

Approved October 22, 2020

WHEREAS, John "Johnny" Britto served the Fox Point community for over 60 years as a coach, friend, and mentor to kids of all ages via his role as the Athletic Director of the Fox Point Boys & Girls Club on Wickenden Street, which is known as the oldest continually operating Boys and Girls Club in the United States, celebrating over 150 years of operation; and

WHEREAS, Upon and prior to his retirement in 2017, Mr. Britto was recognized by countless City officials and was duly awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Hero Award by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island and American Cross Rhode Island in recognition of his giving spirit and selfless service to the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Eufemia "Fama" Britto of Schofield Street, daughter of the late Lino and Sebastiana Brito, and lifelong resident of Fox Point passed on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at her home and was the beloved wife of John "Johnny" Britto to whom she was married 57 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Britto was a teacher's aid for the Providence School Department before retiring and previously she was a long-distance operator for New England Telephone; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Britto received a special service award from the Fox Point Boys and Girls Club Alumni Association and also did volunteer work for the Boys and Girls Club, receiving a community service award for her service during the Blizzard of "78"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Britto spent a lifetime leading by example for the youth of the Fox Point neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Britto's impacted thousands of families in the City of Providence and truly enjoyed fostering deep connections and serving their neighborhood through their cheerful disposition and charming personalities; and

WHEREAS, Through his and her kindness, work ethic, unquestioned integrity, and unwavering commitment to the young men and women of Providence, Mr. and Mrs. Britto have helped to inspire the City's youth, revitalized the City's neighborhoods, and strengthened the community of Fox Point and the entire City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life, work, and legacy of John V. Britto and Eufemia S. Britto by establishing a ceremonial designation at the corner and intersection of Ives Street and Wickenden Street as "Britto Way."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Department of Public Works work to manufacture, install, and maintain one or more honorary signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "Britto Way" honorary designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to John "Johnny" Britto, the relatives of the late Eufemia "Fama" Britto, and the Britto family.

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 15 2020

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor  
Date: 10/22/20