

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 277

Approved July 18, 2016

WHEREAS, Born in Providence and raised on Pleasant Valley Parkway, Suzanne (Smith) Allison was a proud Rhode Islander and Providence resident; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Annette (Trudeau) Smith and the late Walter Smith, she was an extremely talented and nationally recognized graphic artist; and

WHEREAS, Her career television broadcasting took her from local stations, including WJAR in Providence and WNEV in Boston, to the height of her profession working on national broadcasts for ABC News, where she worked on programs such as "This Week with David Brinkley" and "Nightline," hosted by the legendary Ted Koppel; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, she married the man she frequently called her "soulmate," Thomas (Kole) Kolodziejczak, an esteemed television journalist in his own right who worked at WJAR for many years; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, she received a Peabody Award, the most prestigious award in radio and television journalism, for her work on *The Heart of Darkness*, a five-part "Nightline" special on the great human tragedy and political conflict that occurred in the Democratic Republic of the Congo during the 2nd Congo War and in the wake of the Rwandan Genocide; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Allison retired from her impressive professional career and returned to hometown; and

WHEREAS, An incredibly active and dedicated member of her community, Allison volunteered with many non-profit and civic organizations, and was instrumental to the founding of Friends of Pleasant Valley Parkway; and

WHEREAS, An avid dog-lover, Allison adopted many rescue dogs and helped to find loving homes for many more through her work with the animal rescue organization Save a Lab Rescue; and

WHEREAS, Tragically, Suzanne Allison passed away from lung cancer on June 7th, 2016 at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, A beloved wife, daughter, sister, and aunt, in addition to her beloved husband, she was survived by her nephews, William Dorry, Mark Smith, Daniel Loiselle, Eric Smith, and John Coletta, and by her niece Monique Nunes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life of Suzanne Allison, and extends sincere condolences on behalf of the City to her family, friends, and loved ones.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

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