

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 217

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Whereas, Edward J. Liston was selected to succeed Dr. William F. Flanagan as President of what was then known as Rhode Island Junior College in the Spring of 1978. He arrived at the Knight Campus for his first official day as President on September 1, 1978. His Inauguration was held on April 1, 1979, and

Whereas, While at the Knight Campus Mr. Liston made some significant accomplishments, such as changing the name of the junior college to Community College of Rhode Island to more accurately reflect the mission of the institution. The name change became official in the Spring of 1980, and

Whereas, During the 1980's Mr. Liston started a community outreach by establishing a satellite campus that offered evening classes in the local high schools and also the Adult Correction Institution. This brainstorm formed the first public institution of higher education in Rhode Island to offer courses through the Public Broadcasting System, Channel 36, and

Whereas, At the same time the college was establishing a system of satellites, it began a series of partnerships with business and industry to train the Rhode Island workforce through customized training designed for a particular company. One of the first was a partnership with General Dynamics Electric Boat Division which included on site training for employees that involved a combination of on-the-job apprenticeship training and classroom instruction that resulted in an associate's degree, and

Whereas, During the 1980's Community College of Rhode Island established a high school partnership program known as Tech Prep, which over the years has been adopted in some form in almost every high school in the state, all this under Mr. Liston's leadership, and

Whereas, Mr. Liston was instrumental in opening a Providence Campus at the former OIC building in 1990. There are other campuses that have opened such as Knight Campus and also the development of a new Campus in Newport within the near future, and

Whereas, Mr. Liston has an assortment of recognition's and honors, which are so voluminous that we can not mention them all, but they have identified the fact of such vision that Mr. Liston had so much to offer here in Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council do hereby extend sincere best wishes to Edward J. Liston upon his retirement from the Community College of Rhode Island after Twenty Two Years of dedicated service.

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