

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 283

Approved September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Coia passed away peacefully on Wednesday July 29, 2020 at Miriam Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia began his career in the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) in 1966 as the Secretary-Treasurer of Local Union 271, and worked his way up to the position of Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council where he oversaw the operation of 10 local unions with approximately 10,000 members until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council, Mr. Coia also served as the President of the Rhode Island Building Trades Council from 1975 to 1982 and again from 2001 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia brought his expertise and commitment to his role as Chairman of a number of funds and boards during his career, including the Rhode Island Laborers' Health Fund, the Rhode Island Laborers' Pension Fund, the Rhode Island Laborers' Annuity Fund and the Rhode Island Laborers' Legal Services Fund, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia was honored with many awards during his career, including recognition of his dedication to the pursuit of excellence in worker safety by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration for his role in the RI Chase partnership with OSHA, as well as the Wanskuck Boys' Club Hall of Fame Award in 1992 and the Dante Molloy Award in 2004 for outstanding service to the community by a labor leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia was a graduate of Providence College, a 48-year member of Kirkbrae Country Club where he served on the club's Board of Governors and as the Vice President, and also an active member of his faith community by serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia was the beloved husband of Anita J. (DePalo) Coia for 56 years; the son of the late Ralph M. and Josephine Coia; the loving father of Ronald R. Coia (Flora) and Dean A. Coia; the cherished grandfather of Ronald M. Coia II, Gabrielle E. Coia, Siena A. Coia and Alexandra A. Coia; and the brother of the late Patricia A. Silverman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and remember the life and legacy of Ronald M. Coia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Coia Family, as well as Ronald's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 03 2020

READ AND PASSED

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PRES.

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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

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Mayor
Date: *9/14/20*