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Final Paper
1991 - #156

Re: Memorial Plaque
George Bagian

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E. Howland Bowey

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 154

Approved March 15, 1991

WHEREAS, the Reverend Monsignor Galliano J. Cavallaro was born on November 9, 1914 in Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Cavallaro is the son of the late Giuseppe and Angelina (Tomassi) Cavallaro; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Cavallaro graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1934, and later received his degree from Saint Charles College in Maryland in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Cavallaro began his long-standing and dedicated career upon being ordained a priest on December 19, 1942 at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral in Providence; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Cavallaro previously served the parishoners of Saint Anthony's in Woonsocket, Saint John's in Providence, Saint Mary's in Cranston until being appointed to his present position as Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on October 18, 1960; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council designate the corner of Atwells Avenue and Dean Street as Reverend Monsignor Galliano J. Cavallaro Plaza.

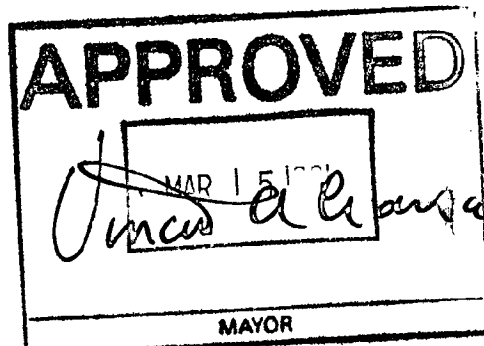
IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 7

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK



IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 13 1989

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Rosenman-Larson CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
~~RENEWAL & PLANNING~~
Recommends

Sept. 18, 1989
Be Continued
Michael R. Clement
Clerk

THE COMMITTEE ON
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
~~RENEWAL & PLANNING~~
Approves
The Within Resolution

Joseph Mendonca
Clerk Chairman
February 20, 1991

Councilman Lombardi (By Request)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 155

Approved March 15, 1991

WHEREAS, John P. Brennan, late member of the Providence City Council, representing the Third Ward, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on March 21, 1983, and

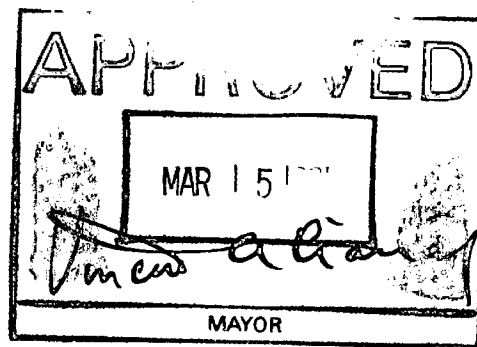
WHEREAS, A native of Providence, he was employed by the Narragansett Electric Company when he met his tragic death, leaving his wife Carol and daughters Helen and Kathleen who suffered a great void in their life, and

WHEREAS, He was a Member of Local 310 of the Brotherhood of Utility Workers, the Holy Name Parish Council and active in charity drives, and

WHEREAS, As he remains in the hearts and minds of his family and the many constituents he served with dedication and diligence, it is befitting that a Memorial Square be erected in his honor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby designate the intersection of Hope Street and Cypress Street as "John P. Brennan Memorial Square" knowing that his family and friends are aware of the high esteem in which he was held.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 7 1991
READ AND PASSED
James H. Hennessey
PRES.
Robert Mendonca
CLERK



IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 7 1991

FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Rose M. Mendez CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

~~RENEWAL & PLANNING~~
Approves Passage of

The Within Resolution

Rose M. Mendez
Chairman

Clerk

February 20, 1991

Councilman Sexton (By Request)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 156

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WHEREAS, George M. Bagian was a lifelong resident of the City of Providence, and

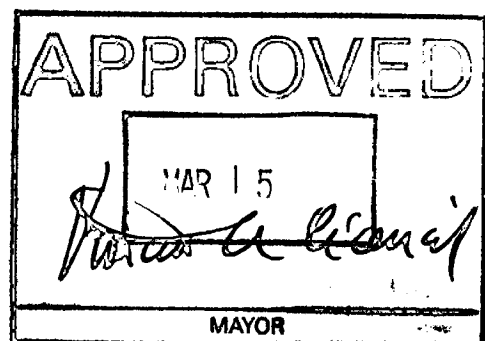
WHEREAS, George M. Bagian served for many years with dedication on the Providence Fire Department, having been appointed to the Department on January 25, 1974, and

WHEREAS, George served his Country during the Vietnam Conflict, assigned to the Artillery Unit, where he engaged in battle after battle, and

WHEREAS, George married Ann E. McGurn and became the father of two children, he was a devoted father and husband,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in respect to the memory of George, the Members of the City Council hereby designate the intersection of Smith Street and Danforth Street as "Lieutenant George M. Bagian Memorial Square" in recognition of his numerous years of dedication to the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 7
READ AND PASSED
James H. Smith
PRES.
Robert M. Mendonca
CLERK



IN CITY COUNCIL
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URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

THE COMMITTEE ON
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
~~RENEWAL & PLANNING~~
Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Rose M. Manduca
Clerk ~~Chairman~~

February 20, 1991

Consulman Slavin (By Request)



Department of Public Safety, Fire Department

"Building Pride in Providence"

Dear Mr. Palmer:

At 8:00AM, June 17, 1990, Private George M. Bagian was sworn in as a Lieutenant in the Providence Fire Department. At 11:30AM the same day, Lieutenant Bagian died of metastatic carcinoma. The Lieutenant would have been 39 years old on July 27th.

Lieutenant Bagian was born and raised in the Smith Hill section of Providence. He was educated in the Providence school system and graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1970. His lifelong ambition was to be a Providence firefighter. From the earliest days of his youth, that was his goal. Although he spoke of nothing else, world situations would dictate another career. In 1971 George was drafted into the United States Army.

After boot camp George was assigned to an artillery unit and shipped to Vietnam. During the next year he was involved in the thick of the things, engaged in battle after battle. While George, and most of his fellow soldiers, came home from that conflict a different person, his burning desire to become a firefighter was just as strong.

Soon after returning home he met and married Ann E. McGurn and applied to the Providence Fire Academy. In retrospect, 1974 was a very good year for the young couple. George was appointed to the Fire Academy on January 25th, and a few short months later his first child, David, was born. A second child, Dawn, was born during 1976.

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In the more than fifteen years that George was a firefighter, he was assigned to only two ladder companies - Ladder 4 out of North Main Street and his beloved Ladder 6 out of Atwells Avenue. From Atwells Avenue George and his brother firefighters responded citywide to inferno after inferno. He worked some of the worst fires this city has ever seen. They include the Bellevue Avenue fire in which one of his brother officers lost his life, the Providence College fire, the Wilcox building fire, and yes, the infamous Atlantic Mills fire. Time after time George would enter burning building after burning building in search of occupants prior to beginning the process of extinguishing the blaze. On numerous occasions George, like many of his brothers, would be overcome with smoke inhalation only to report to full duty his next tour of duty. In 1980, while George was fighting a fire on Appleton Street, he fell two floors to the cellar and had to be carried out by fellow firefighters. It took George only seven days to recuperate and return to his second home, Ladder 6.

If George was a dedicated firefighter, he was likewise a devoted husband, father and community leader. He was very active in Little League, coaching many teams in the Smith Hill area. Similarly, he was a devoted Christian. Not only did he attend church regularly, but he also participated in prayer groups with his wife and family. In between his fire fighting duties, his family responsibilities, his church and community activities, George was able to attend Providence College where he was awarded an Associate Degree in Fire Science in May, 1980.

George was admired and respected by all who knew him. In 1989 George began to study and eventually took the written firefighter test for the position of Lieutenant within the Providence Fire Department. He passed that test and was placed on a Certified Promotion List to await an opening for that position. During the later part of the same year, George began to experience lower back pain, began to lose weight and began to tire rapidly at fire scenes. Nonetheless, he continued to come to work and spoke to no one about the extreme physical discomfort he was in. Within weeks he was forced to seek medical attention, and upon doing so, he was diagnosed as having an incurable metastatic carcinoma. While George was fully aware of his condition, he put up a good front. Although unable to work, he informed fellow firefighters that it was just a matter of time before he would return to his beloved Ladder 6. He continued with his community and church activities and even arranged a skiing trip for his family and several firefighters this past February. Nonetheless his condition worsened.

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Mr. E.A. Palmer
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Re: George M. Ragian

When it became obvious that George would succumb to his disease, the Providence Fire Department Command Staff approached him with the idea of elevating him to Lieutenant prior to the official date that said elevation was to take place. George would have no part in that. He wanted to wait his turn and wanted no special recognition. After all, he feigned, he would be back to work soon. When George lapsed into unconsciousness with his loving family by his side, the Department elevated him to Lieutenant; and as previously stated, George passed away a few short hours later.

While medical science cannot pinpoint exactly what caused George's form of cancer, the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence have long recognized that any form of this disease was job related. I fully believe that in this case, George contracted his fatal illness while a member of this command. I truly believe that George sacrificed his life for his fellow man. Certainly, he did not die in a raging inferno, but rather succumbed a day at a time by responding to fire after fire. Slowly but surely these fires ebbed his life away. Because of this factor and this factor alone, I am appealing to The 100 Club of Rhode Island to rally behind his precious wife and his two teenage children and support them in their time of need.

I would be willing to appear before the Benefit Committee of your organization to further outline my feelings in this matter if you so desire.

Corner of Smith & Danforth