

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 494

Effective: ~~Approved~~ September 16, 1984

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., a Providence native, descendant of several prominent political families, began his career in public service at the age of Nineteen as a Member of the Historic District Commission, and

WHEREAS, He was elected Councilman from the Thirteenth Ward in 1978 and re-elected in 1982, and

WHEREAS, His fellow Council Members elected him President of the City Council in January of 1983, and

WHEREAS, He assumed the Office of Mayor in the most turbulent of times, after the resignation of his predecessor, and amid many indictments, investigations and allegations involving widespread corruption in the City, and

WHEREAS, The next three months were most active and hectic for the youngest Mayor in the City's history, as he was faced with running the City and waging a hard fought campaign for election to the permanent Office of Mayor, and

WHEREAS, He took immediate action to restore confidence in government professionalizing many departments and appointing a management task force to oversee certain City operations, and

WHEREAS, He also found time to get married during this period. His choice of the former Lianne Andreoni was no doubt the wisest decision of the period, and

WHEREAS, He won the election for Mayor on July 31, 1984 by One Hundred Twenty-One votes, and

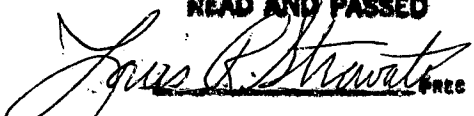

WHEREAS, Some view this as a less than comfortable margin, but the Paolino tradition has always been to stretch the drama of election night for a few extra days, "Landslide Joe" apparently wants shut-in voters to know that they are a very important part of the electoral process, and

WHEREAS, The City Council is most honored to have one of its own Members assume the Office of Mayor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend heartfelt congratulations to Mayor and Mrs. Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., along with sincere best wishes for continued success in a most difficult office.

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 6 1984

READ AND PASSED



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Effective without the Mayor's
signature September 16, 1984.

