



Mayor of Providence

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

2010-03

September 1, 2010

WHEREAS, Flight Officer William P. Armstrong, a graduate of Tuskegee Flying School and the only Providence resident of the all-colored 32nd Fighter Squadron of the 12th Air Force, was shot down and killed in Austria on April 1, 1945, while serving as a fighter-pilot; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1946, the Providence City Council passed a resolution dedicating the William P. Armstrong Memorial Square; and

WHEREAS, The William P. Armstrong Memorial Square was established at the intersection of Codding and Cranston Streets; and

WHEREAS, During the period of 1960-1965, Codding Street was eliminated in order to build a housing development; and

WHEREAS, The William P. Armstrong Memorial was removed and was never relocated; and

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2009, Flight Officer Armstrong was inducted into the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence continues to deem Flight Officer Armstrong's heroic sacrifice as worthy of a lasting memorial;

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, David N. Cicilline, Mayor of the City of Providence, order the following, effective immediately:

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 16 2010

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

John M. Butcher CLERK

1. The William P. Armstrong Memorial Square shall be relocated to the intersection of Cranston and Dodge Streets, in the immediate vicinity of the original memorial.
2. The foregoing designation and naming of the William P. Armstrong Memorial Square shall be honorary until such time as the Providence City Council acts upon the Resolution introduced January 7, 2009 by Council Members Young and Lombardi to formally relocate and rededicate the William P. Armstrong Memorial Square. This Executive Order shall not legally change or modify any existing street name nor existing legal addresses on said streets.
3. This Executive Order shall be preserved and maintained as part of the official records of the City of Providence and a certified copy of this Executive Order shall be sent to the following:
 - (a) All Members of the City Council.
 - (b) The Rhode Island and the Providence Historical Societies.
 - (c) The Providence Preservation Society.



David N. Cicilline, Mayor