

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 317

*Approved* July 9, 2004

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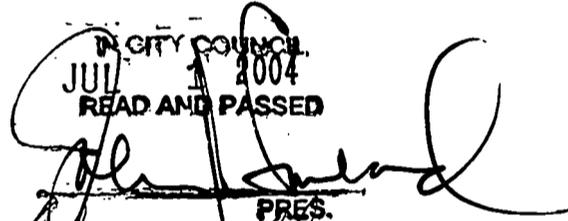
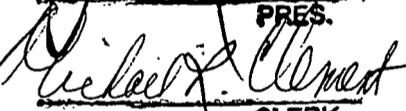
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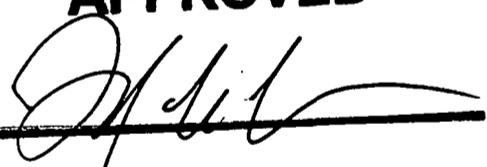
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence joins organizations such as ACORN in calling upon the members of the Rhode Island's Delegation to the United States Congress to vote to increase funding for public education to the amount authorized in No Child Left Behind; and

Council President Lombardi (By Bequest)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence call upon the members of Rhode Island's Delegation to the United States Congress to vote against making any future tax cuts—or making permanent 2001 and 2003 tax cuts—for wealthy Americans or large corporations, that erode the funding available for education and other critical domestic priorities; and

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUL 1 2004  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
  
7/1/04  
**MAYOR**

Lombardi  
By Request  
July 1, 2004

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