

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 112

Approved February 25, 1977

WHEREAS, on the morning of February 13, 1977, an alarm was received by the Providence Fire Department at approximately 7:29 o'clock A.M. followed within the next one half hour by second and third alarms, that the Jewish Home for the Aged along Hillside Avenue, was afire, and

WHEREAS, although the fire was confined to a basement storage room, smoke and heat filled most of the left wing of the facility housing 154 elderly residents, many of whom were not ambulatory, and

WHEREAS, the task of evacuating these elderly residents became the primary concern of the members of the Fire Department and Police Department, those members of the Home Staff, who were on duty and of neighbors of the Home who appeared immediately to assist in this humanitarian effort, and

WHEREAS, in the passion of the incident the unemotional patients, who remained as such, lessen the burden of the total evacuation which was carried out successfully without any injury or loss of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in taking official notice of the total of the incident, which could have been disastrous, the most sincere congratulations of His Honor the Mayor and of the City Council are hereby tendered to the members of the Providence Fire Department and Providence Police Department, who contained the fire, to the Home Staff, all other agencies, individuals and neighbors who aided in the evacuation of the patients of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, during that three alarm fire on Sunday, February 13, 1977.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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