

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 200

Approved May 15, 2009

WHEREAS, Chester "Chet" Wachowicz has served his country and his community with distinction for more than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Air Corps during World War II, he spent time with bombing squads in China, and assembled gliders in India for use in the invasion of Burma; and

WHEREAS, Chet attended the University of Kentucky after returning home from the war; and

WHEREAS, Chet subsequently joined Gilbane Building Company in the late 1940s; and

WHEREAS, His long career at Gilbane included working on memorable and significant projects such as the John Hancock Tower in Boston, the General Motors facilities in Ohio and Framingham, Massachusetts; Miller Breweries in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and closer to home, Rhode Island Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Chet was the only World War Veteran to work on the National World War Memorial in Washington, D.C., which was completed in 2004, and for which he personally inspected every piece of cut granite used in building the memorial; and

WHEREAS, At age 65, and after 42 years of employment, Chet retired from Gilbane, only to come out of retirement a few years later, adding, as of today, close to an additional 20 years of service onto his impressive work history at the company; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career at Gilbane, Chet was always known for his commitment to quality, and for his tough-mindedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize the great contributions Chester "Chet" Wachowicz has made to his country and his community, as a veteran of World War II, and as an employee of one of the largest privately-held, family-owned construction companies in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council congratulates Chester "Chet" Wachowicz for his commitment and dedication to his career, reaching a milestone that few people do, and achieving over 60 years of service to the same company—Gilbane—headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island.

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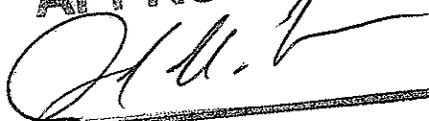


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