

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 407

Approved July 27, 2018

WHEREAS, After winning a special election in 1969, Councilman Philip Addison Jr. became the first African-American ever elected to the Providence City Council and would represent the Mount Hope neighborhood for the next twelve years, rising to position of Council Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Described as a soft-spoken leader of great integrity, Councilman Addison had the unique ability to bridge racial and ethnic divides, which was extremely important during that tumultuous period in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Addison was dedicated to the goals of acceptance, civil rights, equality, and social justice before, during, and after his time in public office; and

WHEREAS, He served as Deputy Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps, where he worked to combat poverty and help families in need; and

WHEREAS, He also volunteered as a boxing trainer, leading by example and helping shape boys into responsible young men; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, he worked as a counselor to school dropouts, helping countless young people find their paths in life; and

WHEREAS, When his tenure on the City Council was over, he brought his wealth of experience working with young people to his role as Director of the City's Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Addison also had a strong commitment to civic and non-profit organizations, serving as a high-ranking member of the Society of Freemasons and the Director of the Rhode Island Black Heritage society, in addition to being a long-time leader of the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association and a minority-community advisor to Miriam Hospital; and

WHEREAS, After a long life devoted to public service and helping the community, Councilman Addison passed away in 2006 at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of and to honor his commitment to making Providence a more tolerant and fair place for people to live, no matter their background or social status, Councilman Addison was inducted to the City's MLK Hall of Fame this year; and



WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the life and service of Councilman Addison to name Camp Street in the Mount Hope neighborhood in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a ceremonial designation be established along Camp Street as, "Philip Addison, Jr. Way," in order to honor the life, work, and legacy of Councilman Philip Addison, Jr.

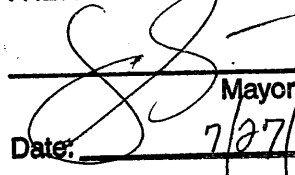
IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 7/27/18

Mastroianni, Tina

Subject: FW: Ceremonial Way Matters

From: Urso, Nate
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Mastroianni, Tina
Cc: Shumate, Matthew; Borg, Michael
Subject: RE: Ceremonial Way Matters

Tina

On Camp St. I responded to Matt Shumate previously as follows:

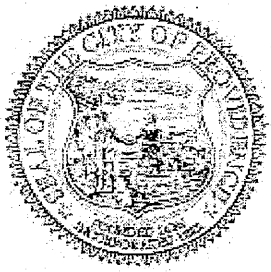
"I assume the renaming is for the entire length of Camp St. I suggest installing ceremonial streetname signs at its intersection with Olney, Doyle and Rochambeau." The sign would be a tall streetname sign indicating Camp St. as the street name with "Philip Addison Jr. Way" on the top border

For St. Pius V. School I recommend installing a ceremonial streetname sign at the Fair Oaks Ave./Eaton St. intersection. The sign would be a tall streetname sign indicating Fair Oaks Ave. as the street name with "St. Pius V Way" on the top border"

DPW Traffic will furnish and install upon city approval

Thanks

Nate



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