

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 101

Approved March 11, 2021

WHEREAS, John “Johnny” Britto, 87, of Schofield Street, Fox Point passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, John V. Britto was a son of the late Joao and Rufina (Silva) Britto; and

WHEREAS, As a lifelong resident of the Fox Point neighborhood, John “Johnny” Britto was not just a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, but he was a fixture in the community and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, John “Johnny” Britto served as a longshoreman for many years, was an Army veteran of the Korean War, played short term for the Harlem Globetrotters, and the New York Yankees farm team; and

WHEREAS, John “Johnny” Britto served the Fox Point community for over 60 years as a coach, friend, and mentor to kids of all ages via his role as the Athletic Director of the Fox Point Boys & Girls Club on Wickenden Street, which is known as the oldest continually operating Boys and Girls Club in the United States, celebrating over 150 years of operation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Britto was a friend and huge fan of Frank Sinatra, had a distinctive whistle, loved Necco wafers, pool, and billiards, and could sink a full-court hook shot repeatedly; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1990s the Gano Street neighborhood basketball courts were named in his honor and he received numerous awards including Community Hero, Jefferson Award, Basketball Hall of Fame, Mr. Boys & Girls Club, Urban League, and the Key to Success; and

WHEREAS, Upon and prior to his retirement in 2017, Mr. Britto was additionally recognized by countless City officials and was duly awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Hero Award by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island and American Cross Rhode Island in recognition of his giving spirit and selfless service to the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Johnny was married to the late Eufemia “Fama” Britto of Schofield Street for 57 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Britto spent a lifetime leading by example for the youth of the Fox Point neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Britto impacted thousands of families in the City of Providence and truly enjoyed fostering deep connections and serving their neighborhood through his cheerful disposition and charming personalities; and

WHEREAS, Through his kindness, work ethic, unquestioned integrity, and unwavering commitment to the young men and women of Providence, Mr. Britto has helped to inspire the City’s youth, revitalized the City’s neighborhoods, and strengthened the community of Fox Point and the entire City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life, work, and legacy of John “Johnny” Britto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to relatives of the Britto family including the five children he had with his wife, John Britto, Anthony Britto and his wife Stacey, Donna Silva and her husband Francis, Karen Britto, Robert Britto and his wife Danielle, and his four additional children, Beth Thomas, Rodney Perry, Taylor Britto, Mindy Britto, and his ten beloved grandchildren.

IN CITY COUNCIL

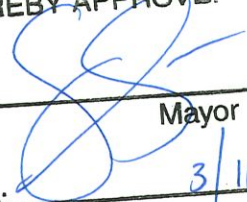
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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date:  3/11/21