

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 20

Approved January 24, 1976

RESOLVED, that the Minute of the life and character of Thomas Hagan Roberts, Late, Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered inscribed on the records of the City Council.

M I N U T E

Thomas Hagan Roberts, who passed on to his eternal reward, in his seventy-fourth year, was a native of the City of Providence where he lived all of his life. His formal education in the elementary grades, graduation from La Salle Academy in Providence, included a degree from Fordham University and Boston University Law School, which culminated in his admission to the Rhode Island Bar as an Attorney at Law, in 1931.

Justice Roberts started his public service as a Deputy Recorder of Deeds and later as a Member of the Bureau of Police and Fire.

In 1949, he became the General Counsel to the United States War Claims Commission.

The late President, Harry S. Truman, named Judge Roberts, in July of 1950, as Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. He was appointed the following year as an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court and in 1956, he was elected in Grand Committee of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and as Chief Justice of that Court in 1966, by the same elective process.

As a jurist, Judge Roberts enjoyed the respect and admiration of the legal profession, and was regarded as a model jurist.

His Judicial Code of Ethics is recognized throughout the Nation.

Judge Roberts was cited for his humanitarian and social behavior, as in 1973 when he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctrate from Bryant College and an Honorary Doctrate of Law from Roger Williams College in 1974.

A deeply religious man, he was a communicant of Saint Sebastian's Roman Catholic Church, Providence, and was recognized by His Holiness

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Pope Paul VI, when he was the recipient of the Order of the Knights of Saint Gregory. The Boston University Alumni Association, in recognition of his achievements as a jurist, awarded him the Silver Shingle.

Justice Roberts, during his lifetime as a student, as an athlete, as an Attorney at Law, and as a Jurist, never deviated from the rules set down by his peers, resulting in his achievement to one of the highest honors within his profession.

In assessing the life and character of the Honorable Thomas Hagan Roberts, late, Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, it is said that he exemplified many things as a devoted husband, father, and scholarly gentleman.

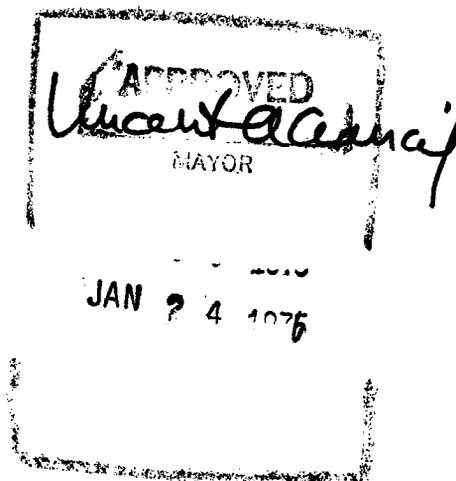
The community in which he lived and labored to the benefit of its citizens, while mourning his passing from this life, will long remember his pattern of conduct which he set down.

In the adoption of this Minute, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and the Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, express their deepest sympathy to his bereaved wife, children, and family in this period of their great loss.

IN CITY COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
BY A UNANIMOUS RISING VOTE

JAN 15 1976

Robert J. Gallo
PRESIDENT
Vincent A. Cianci
CLERK



March 8, 1976

Mrs. Florence Roberts
126 Fosdyke Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Dear Florence,

The enclosure is the City of Providence tribute to your late husband.

Certainly his myraid of contributions could not possibly be incorporated in a two paged Resolution, therefore, I can not assume pride of its authorship.

Please accept my personal condolences in your great loss.

Sincerely,

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk of Providence

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