

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 153

Approved April 29, 2016

WHEREAS, Born in 1946, Michael R. Clement was a proud Rhode Islander and a lifelong Providence resident; and

WHEREAS, A product of Providence public schools, Clement graduated from Central High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Clement began his career in City government as Second Deputy City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Clement rose quickly through the ranks and was named First Deputy City Clerk on January 11, 1979; and

WHEREAS, On September 19, 1991, Clement was elected City Clerk, becoming the first African-American in Providence's history to hold that position; and

WHEREAS, A consummate professional, Clement earned the trust and respect of the City Council and was re-elected as City Clerk three times; and

WHEREAS, During his time as Clerk, Clement modernized the operations of his department and sought to improve the level and quality of service provided to residents; and

WHEREAS, In the course of his distinguished tenure, Clement worked not only for a great number of Councilors, but served under five different mayors, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., Acting Mayor John J. Lombardi, and Mayor David N. Cicilline, as well as under two City Clerks, Vincent Vespia and Rose Mendonca; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2006, after nearly 15 years as City Clerk and 33 years of dedicated service, Clement retired from the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Clement was an avid saltwater and deep water fisherman, who spent much of his retirement with family and friends boating and fishing along the Rhode Island coast; and

WHEREAS, As a committed neighborhood activist, he volunteered his time to countless non-profit and community organizations, including the West End Community Center, the John Hope Settlement House, Roger Williams Daycare, and the Ward 11 Committee; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2016, Michael R. Clement passed away at the age of 69; and

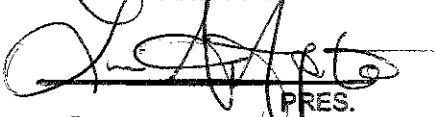

WHEREAS, A beloved son, father, and brother, he was survived by his mother, Maurice Clement, his daughters, Regina and Nicole, and his three brothers, Vincent, Leroy, and Robert.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life and service of Michael R. Clement, and posthumously names him "City Clerk Emeritus," in recognition of his many important contributions to our city.


IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE


Mayor
Date: 4/29/16