

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 354

Approved September 15, 2023

WHEREAS, On August 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, James Eric Wilson beloved husband of Diann M. (Rogers) Wilson passed away; and

WHEREAS, James was the beloved father of Xavier Wilson, Destiney Lovett-Wilson and Oscar Rentas-Wilson; cherished grandfather of Ezekiel Wilson; devoted brother of Anthony "Tony" Davis and Dareke Batson; stepson of Alfreda Wilson; stepbrother of Curshina Calhoun, Kanjuette Calhoun, and Aisha Calhoun; and

WHEREAS, James Wilson became an integral part of Elmhurst Youth Baseball in 2009. He later joined the Board of Directors in September 2010 and served for 13 seasons. He coached every level, from Tee-Ball Minors and Majors, he led the Travel Team to the 2022 Cal Ripken State tournament, showing unwavering support for young athletes; and

WHEREAS, James was an unwavering member of the Elmhurst Youth Baseball Board of Directors who played a crucial role in shaping league policies and actively participated in various activities such as car washes, field sign maintenance, and the bustling operations of the snack bar. He continued to show dedication to the program long after his children had graduated; and

WHEREAS, James's coaching style shone through his radiant smile, positive attitude, and genuine care for the children of Elmhurst. He left an indelible mark on his players by fostering growth and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, James believed in teaching life lessons through baseball, emphasizing fun, family, and sportsmanship, instilling values beyond the field; and

WHEREAS, James possessed a unique ability to identify the potential within each player, nurturing their talents and strengths before they themselves were aware of them. His impact was encapsulated in the heartfelt words, "We are all better people for having known James Wilson," a sentiment echoed by all who had the privilege of crossing his path; and

WHEREAS, He exemplified the core values of Elmhurst Youth Baseball, fostering teamwork, citizenship, and sportsmanship among his players. He humbly declined personal recognition and instead chose to amplify the achievements of others, demonstrating his selflessness and commitment to the greater good; and

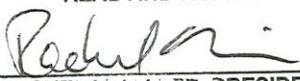
WHEREAS, James and Diann supported the North End Outreach and Chad Brown Alumni Association, uniting to organize the 2023 reunion, and have participated in charitable endeavors for their community; and

WHEREAS, James Wilson's legacy lives on through the laughter, and enduring spirit he instilled in every player he has interacted with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The City of Providence hereby honors the life and legacy of James Wilson, a visionary leader, an inspiring coach, and an exceptional human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Elmhurst Youth Baseball, and James Wilson's family.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 9/15/2023