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May 26, 1978

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

I just recently have had an opportunity to read the resolution adopted by the City Council of Providence in memory of my husband. And I want to convey my thanks for this beautiful expression of respect and warm regard.

Our family is grateful for the countless expressions of compassion and goodwill extended to us. We have been sustained and comforted by the knowledge that Hubert's life, values and hopes have been shared and appreciated by so many friends.

Sincerely,



Muriel Humphrey

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 42

Approved January 30, 1978

Minute on the Life and Character of Colonel Robert E. Ricci, Late Chief of the Providence Police Department.

M I N U T E

Colonel Robert E. Ricci, late Chief of the Providence Police Department was born in Providence, Rhode Island July 24, 1927, the son of Ernest Ricci and Grace Ricci.

He was educated in the Providence Public School System and graduated from Central High School, Providence, Class of 1944.

A Veteran of World War II, he served in the United States Navy and the Merchant Marines.

Colonel Ricci became a Member of the Providence Police Department in 1949, where he compiled a most enviable record in police work, gaining a number of citations. He advanced to the Detective Division in 1954 and subsequently became head of the Juvenile Division, and later head of the effective C-Squad.

His advancements in the Department was promotion to Sergeant in 1958; Lieutenant in 1962; Captain in 1968 and appointment as Chief of the Department in August, 1976.

Colonel Ricci, as a law enforcing agent, it has been stated, had no peers, his conduct as a policeman set the pattern of behavior for the entire Police Department.

Fair in his decisions, he was respected by his subordinates, for his concern of them and for his perfectionism.

Colonel Ricci came to the position of Chief without obligations to anyone, his selection was, without question, the result of his performance over the years as a police officer.

In respect to his memory, the citizens of Providence and of the State of Rhode Island, while shocked at his passing, at the early age of fifty years, will not easily forget his myriad of contributions to the society he literally gave his life for their protection.

Colonel Robert E. Ricci, as Chief of the Providence Police Department leaves this life, after having given his best as a person; devoted husband; son and father; devoted Roman Catholic layman and a most able law enforcer who truly was "One of God's Noblemen".

It is the fervent prayer of His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., the Members of the City Council, the personnel of the Police Department and his legion of friends, that his bereaved and devoted widow Margaret, their son Robert, Jr. and daughter Karen and his mother Grace take consolation in his performance as one of the City of Providence's finest Policeman ever.

In being called to his eternal reward, all who knew him petition Almighty God, in his Divine Wisdom, to take unto Himself the soul of Colonel Robert E. Ricci, our late lamented brother.

IN CITY COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
BY A UNANIMOUS RISING VOTE
JAN 19 1978

Ralph Fagnola
PRESIDENT
Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK

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Vincent A. Cianci
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and Councilman Xavier.