

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 130

Approved April 22, 2020

WHEREAS, Armand E. Batastini, Jr., a lifelong resident of Providence and an active community member of Ward Five, passed away on April 11, 2020 at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, He attended La Salle Academy, graduating in 1949; and

WHEREAS, He began his undergraduate work at Brown University as a member of the class of 1954 and graduated from Providence College as a member of the class of 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Providence College, Armand enlisted in the United States Navy where he honorably served his country from 1955 until 1957; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, he earned his Masters of Education in Physical Education, Health and Recreation from Boston University; and

WHEREAS, He served as the Rhode Island State Representative for District 8, which includes the Elmhurst and Mt. Pleasant neighborhoods of Providence, from 1977 to 1992, working as the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims and the Vice-Chairperson on the Health, Education and Welfare Committee; and

WHEREAS, He was very involved in sports, founding and acting as a board member for the Elmhurst Little League for 41 years and coaching the St. Pius CYO basketball team for 61 years; and

WHEREAS, For 11 years, he worked as the Supervisor of the Johnson & Wales University Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, He served as a student support specialist for the Providence School Department for 36 years and worked as Supervisor and Director for the Kennedy Recreation Center at the Providence Recreation Department for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, He was an active member in the community, serving as the Chairperson for the Fifth Ward Democratic Committee, the Vice-Chairperson for the Providence Democratic City Committee, and a State Democratic Committee Member for the Fifth Representative District; and

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2017, the Providence City Council passed a resolution, principally sponsored by Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan, to rename the Pleasant View Recreational Center to the "Armand E. Batastini, Jr. Recreational Center" in recognition of his many years of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his loving wife, Mary E. Batastini, their four children, Armando, Maria, Laurie, and Christina, and his five grandchildren, Olivia, Paul, Emilia, Ryanne, and Lucien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and remember the life and legacy of Armand E. Batastini, Jr., including his commitment to service in the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby requests that the City flag be flown at half-staff on Saturday, April 18, 2020, in honor of the memory of Armand E. Batastini, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Batastini Family, as well as Mr. Batastini's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 16 2020

READ AND PASSED, *As Amended*

Sabrina Mats
PRES.

Karen Keller
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

[Signature]
Mayor
Date: *4/22/20*