

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 238

Approved May 6, 2025

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council mourns the passing of Dorothy Jean “Dottie” McCaffrey, a beloved daughter of Providence whose spirit, service, and song left an indelible imprint on the city she so steadfastly called home; and

WHEREAS, Dottie was a fearlessly candid woman, possessed immense generosity and an unwavering devotion to the well-being and dignity of her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Her signature wardrobe was as vibrant as her personality, and she was known to craft political ballads that were as piercing as they were playful, always springing from a deep reservoir of care for her community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Dottie wore many hats, working as a meter maid, crossing guard, boutique owner, restaurant co-founder, and as the longtime administrative assistant to Fire Chief George Farrell, a role she carried with pride, and, as she often reminded others, authority; and

WHEREAS, Her contributions reached far beyond official roles, she co-founded the Concerned Citizens of Mount Pleasant, championed the preservation of the historic Ryan Post Building, and was instrumental in the creation of Mount Pleasant Memorial Park, ensuring that her presence would be etched into the very landscape she loved; and

WHEREAS, Dottie was always a neighbor in the truest sense, whether offering Caserta pizza or leading a chorus from her legendary basement “Backstreet Pub,” she made all who crossed her path feel nourished and seen; and

WHEREAS, In her later years, even as she contended with mounting health trials, Dottie faced them with dignity, never asking for pity but continuing to give generously of herself in ways both large and small; and



WHEREAS, Her memory lives on not only in the stories passed from neighbor to neighbor, but in every tended garden, every shared song, and in the deep imprint she left on those who needed her most.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan (Ward 5) and the entire Providence City Council hereby recognizes and honors the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Dorothy Jean “Dottie” McCaffrey, and extends its heartfelt condolences to all who grieve her passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dottie McCaffrey, with the gratitude and respect of a city made brighter by her life.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 5/6/25