

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 367

Approved September 26, 2024

WHEREAS, Walter Henry Cook, a lifelong resident of Ward 5 in Providence, who lived a life of service to his country, his city, and his family, passed away peacefully at home on July 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Walter graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1956, where he was a first-team All-State track athlete; and

WHEREAS, He continued his education at Providence College, where he played on the undefeated freshman basketball team in 1957; and

WHEREAS, He proudly served his country as a paratrooper in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, After serving his country, Walter continued to serve his hometown as a Providence firefighter for 20 years and later for 26 years as an Inspector for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Walter was a dedicated family man, husband to Margaret Tracy Cook, father to his five children: Gary, David, Gregg, Kerrin, and Kristen, and a proud grandfather to Krystle, Talia, Serena, Gregg Jr., and Daniel, with Daniel sadly passing at birth; and

WHEREAS, Walter's family was well-known throughout the Ward 5 neighborhood, where they were recognized as a pillar of the community; and

WHEREAS, Walter was also an elite athlete and avid sports enthusiast who loved horse races, trips to Las Vegas, and daily visits to Newport Creamery.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life, memory, and legacy of Walter Henry Cook and extends its deepest condolences to the entire Cook family, as well as to his friends and acquaintances throughout Providence and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Walter Henry Cook.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 19 2024  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor  
Date: 9/26/24