

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 289

*Approved* May 9, 1986

WHEREAS, former Councilman Thomas L. Payne passed away on April 25, 1986, and

WHEREAS, except for his service in the United States Navy during World War I, Tom Payne lived his entire ninety-one years in the West Elmwood section of Providence, and

WHEREAS, his associations with community service organizations are not measured in years, but in decades, he was a Charter Member and Post Commander of the Sylvester S. Payne Post, which was named for his brother, who died in France on Armistice Day in 1918, and his membership in the Assumption Holy Name Society dates back to 1920, and

WHEREAS, his love of politics and his loyalty to the Democratic Party were legend; the greatest tribute to both his political skills and his many years of service to the party is the fact that at the end of his long life, he was about the only person living in West Elmwood who could remember the last time the Eighth Ward voted Republican, and

WHEREAS, he served as a Member of the City Council for some twenty-two years, serving with distinction on the Committee on Public Works, which he chaired for twenty years, and on the Committee on City Property and the Charles V. Chapin Memorial Award Committee, and

WHEREAS, Tom Payne is remembered in this Chamber for his kindly demeanor and wry sense of humor, he was not given to lengthy or frivolous debate, but when he rose to this floor, he spoke with eloquency and with common sense,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does pause in its deliberations out of respect for the memory of former Councilman Thomas L. Payne, and does express the sorrow of the citizens on the passing of a man who gave so much of his life to their service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to cause a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to Mrs. Kathleen Payne, and to the members of her family, to convey the sympathy of the Members of the City Council, as well as the high esteem in which Thomas Payne was held by the Members of this Body.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 1 1986

READ AND PASSED

*Michael W. Egan*  
PRES.

*Rose M. Mendonça*  
CLERK

APPROVED  
MAY 9 1986  
*J. L. Payne*  
MAYOR