

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 393

Approved October 3, 2017

WHEREAS, Armand E. Batastini is a lifelong resident of Rhode Island and an active community member of Ward Five; and

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

WHEREAS, He graduated from Providence College in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education; 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 has been 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 was 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 has been active 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, A dedicated family man, he and his loving wife, Mary E. Batastini, have four children, Armando, Maria, Laurie, and Christina; and

WHEREAS, He also has five grandchildren, Olivia, Paul, Emilia, RYanne, and Lucien; and

WHEREAS, Renaming the Pleasant View Recreation Center in honor of Armand E. Batastini would be a fitting tribute to the life and work of such a dedicated public servant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby rename the Pleasant View Recreation Center, located at 50 Obadiah Brown Road, the "Armand E. Batastini Recreation Center."

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 26 2017

READ AND-PASSED

*Armando Batastini*  
ACTING PRES.

*Louise Batastini*  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

*[Signature]*  
Mayor  
Date 10/3/17