

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 239

Approved May 6, 2025

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council mourns the loss of Rhode Island Senate President Dominick “Donny” Ruggerio, who passed away on April 21, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Providence, Donny dedicated over four decades of his life to public service, including many years representing parts of our city in the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, A proud union member, Donny carried his labor roots into the Senate chamber, where he championed fair wages, secure pensions, and the dignity of everyday Rhode Islanders; and



WHEREAS, His colleagues knew him as a steady presence and a trusted mentor and his leadership was marked by pragmatism and a deep respect for the institutions he served; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the State House, Donny was a devoted father and grandfather, a lover of Sunday dinners, horse races, and time well spent with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dominick J. Ruggerio leaves behind a permanent mark on the State of Rhode Island and his legacy will remain secured to his place in our state’s history as one of its most enduring and influential public servants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council honors the life and legacy of Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio, and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues across the State of Rhode Island, his service and spirit will long be remembered in Providence and beyond.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Brett P. Smith
Mayor

Date: 5/6/25