

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 331

Approved July 17, 2024

WHEREAS, Carl G. Lauro was born on April 8, 1926, in Brockton, MA, and moved to Providence, RI, as a baby; and

WHEREAS, Carl G. Lauro grew up on Federal Hill, attended Kenyon Street Elementary School, and graduated from Central High School in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Carl G. Lauro received his undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1948 and his graduate degree from Brown University in 1961, being one of the first public school teachers to receive a National Science Foundation Fellowship for graduate work in STEM education; and

WHEREAS, As a first-generation Italian immigrant, Carl G. Lauro experienced racial and ethnic discrimination firsthand, which fueled his dedication to supporting minority students; and

WHEREAS, Carl G. Lauro began his teaching career at Central High School in 1953, where he wrote "Negro Pioneers in Science" to inspire his Black students by highlighting the achievements of scientific luminaries like George Washington Carver and Booker T. Washington; and

WHEREAS, Carl G. Lauro, seeing a need, coached the Central High School wrestling team to its first New England Wrestling Championship; and

WHEREAS, Carl G. Lauro served the Providence School Department from 1953 to 1976 as a teacher and administrator, holding positions such as Science Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Manager, Deputy Superintendent, and Acting Superintendent at the time of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, The Providence School Committee resolved on August 24, 1978, that Kenyon Street Elementary School be renamed Carl G. Lauro Memorial Elementary School in his honor; and

WHEREAS, The Carl G. Lauro Memorial Elementary School served the community for nearly 44 years until its closure in June 2023.

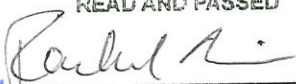

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the portion of Kenyon Street between De Pasquale Ave and America Street, located directly in front of the former Carl G. Lauro School, be given the honorary distinction of "Carl G. Lauro Way" to commemorate the lasting impact of Carl G. Lauro on the Providence community and his unwavering dedication to education and equality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Department of Public Works work to manufacture, install, and maintain one or more honorary signs at prominent and appropriate locations along that portion of Kenyon Street, which shall reflect the "Carl G. Lauro Way" honorary designation; and

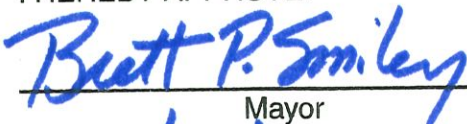
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Carl G. Lauro, the Office of the Honorable Mayor Brett Smiley, and the Office of the Director of Public Works.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 11 2024

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 7/17/2024