

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 560

Approved June 14, 1979

Minute on the life and character of Harry F. Curvin,
late Chairman of the State Board of Elections, who
died on May 18th in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen
Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

M I N U T E

Harry F. Curvin was a native of Pawtucket, a City in which
he resided his entire life.

He received his education at St. Mary's School in that City
and Kinyon's Business College.

Having developed a keen interest in politics he held numerous
important City and Democratic Posts in this State; dating back to
1932, when he became Assistant Foreman in the Highway Maintenance
Department and five years later he became Public Safety Director.

In 1951 he was elected Public Works Commissioner from which
he resigned in 1954.

Mr. Curvin, noted as one of the shrewdest and most colorful
Member of the General Assembly having been elected to the House
of Representatives in 1930, he became its Speaker from 1941 through
1964, a tenure never held prior to his time.

Noted as a man never at a loss for words at the rostrum, he
seldom lost his composure.

He ran for public office in seventeen competitive elections
and two primaries, and is renown for never having lost an office
he vied for.

In 1964, Republican Governor John J. Chafee named Mr. Curvin
to the Elections Board, two years later he was elected Chairman
serving until March of this year.

An active gentleman in civic and social affairs, he was a Member of the Pawtucket Lodge of Elks, 920, Moose Lodge 377, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Delaney Council, the Italian Democratic Club, Edgewood and Port Edgewood Yacht Clubs, Eire Society of Rhode Island, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and Sons of Irish Kings.

As a distinguished citizen of our State, he enjoyed the respect of all with whom he had contact, and as a husband he gained additional respect.

In noting the passing of Harry F. Curvin, His Honor, Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and the City Council, pause to honor his memory and reflect upon his many attributes and milestones accomplished during his full life.

IN CITY COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
BY A UNANIMOUS RISING-VOTE

JUN 7 1979

Rolph Fagnolo
PRESIDENT
Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

JUN 14 1979