

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 360

Approved September 5, 2025

WHEREAS, Armand E. Batastini, Jr., a lifelong Providence resident, epitomized an abiding and admirable civic spirit in a life committed to his community and the City; and

WHEREAS, That spirit led Mr. Batastini to public service including honorable service in the United States Navy and service to the City as a student support specialist for the Providence Public School Department and as a supervisor and director for the Robert F. Kennedy Recreation Center for the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Batastini also served as a representative for the Eighth District in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, which includes the Elmhurst and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods of Providence, from 1977 to 1992, chairing the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims and serving as vice-chair of the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee; and

WHEREAS, The devotion of Mr. Batastini to his community and the City was also evinced in his long involvement with youth sports, from his forty-one years as a board member of Elmhurst Little League and his sixty-one year tenure as a coach of the St. Pius Catholic Youth Organization basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Batastini supported generations of Providence youth through his many commitments, creating a community of people whose lives were improved by his care and his mentorship; and

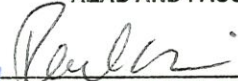

WHEREAS, On November 28, 2016 Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan (Ward 5) established a recreation center at Pleasant View School and on September 26, 2017, subsequently sponsored and passed a resolution of the Providence City Council officially naming the center the Armand E. Batastini, Jr. Recreational Center; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes sincerely to further honor the continuing legacy of Mr. Batastini in the Fifth Ward and in Providence widely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council respectfully requests that the Board of Parks Commissioners rename Obadiah Brown Field and the adjacent splash pad, both located at Armand E. Batastini, Jr. Recreational Center, in honor of Armand E. Batastini, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Commissioner of Parks Wendy Nilsson, Acting Director of Recreation Jackie Poullos, the members of the Board of Parks Commissioners, the City of Providence Recreation Department, and to the family of Armand E. Batastini, Jr.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 9/5/2025