

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 357

Approved September 5, 2025

WHEREAS, The City of Providence mourns the passing of Judge Frank Caprio on August 20, 2025, a man whose life began in the heart of this city and who gave back to it far more than he ever asked of it; and

WHEREAS, Judge Caprio grew up in Federal Hill, the son of Antonio, an Italian immigrant, and Filomena, a Providence native, who taught him that hard work, compassion, and education were lifelong obligations; and

WHEREAS, Those lessons carried him into the classrooms of Providence, where he passed them on as a teacher of government, and into City Hall, where he put them to work as a councilman serving his ward 13 community; and

WHEREAS, His path then led to the bench of the Municipal Court, where for nearly forty years he presided with patience and care, weighing not only the law before him but the lives bound up in it; and

WHEREAS, The words he spoke from the bench reached millions through recordings shared far beyond Providence, and in them people saw a man who treated every person with sincerity and attention, whose presence made the small moments of the courtroom feel serious and kind, and whose consistent acts of decency and consideration reminded people that in a world where such care can feel rare, even small gestures of kindness can brighten a day and ripple outward to make the world a little better; and

WHEREAS, His impact reached outside the courtroom as well, through the colleges he advised, the scholarships he created, and the opportunities he opened for students who might otherwise have gone unseen; and

WHEREAS, Through all of this, his life was steadied by the love of his wife Joyce and shaped by the pride he carried for his children and grandchildren, who stood at the heart of his every endeavor; and

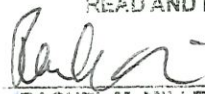
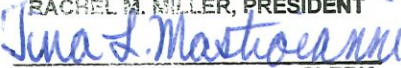
WHEREAS, In remembering him now, the City of Providence does not simply recall the offices he held or the years he gave, but bears witness to a life joined inseparably with its own, a life that treated the city as one big neighborhood and one big family, and left it with more kindness at its heart and more room at its table.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council honors the memory of Judge Frank Caprio, whose life was bound to this city, and whose example will continue to guide those who walk the paths he once walked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Joyce and to the Caprio family, with gratitude for the ways they shared him with Providence, and with recognition that his devotion to them was inseparable from his devotion to this community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Caprio family as a lasting expression of the respect, affection, and enduring gratitude of this Council and the people of this city.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 9/5/2025