

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 301

*Approved* July 12, 2006

WHEREAS, The City of Providence mourns the loss of one of the finest and most devoted citizens and expresses its deepest gratitude for the enormous gifts received from Frederick Lippitt; and

WHEREAS, Born in Washington, D.C. in 1916, the son of United States Senator Henry F. Lippitt, the grandson of Governor Henry Lippitt, and the nephew of Governor Charles Lippitt, Fred Lippitt attended Yale University and Yale Law School; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt served his country in the Army in two wars, during World War II in the Philippines and Italy, earning the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, and during the Korean War, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel and the commanding officer of Rhode Island National Guard 103<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery; and

WHEREAS, He rose to the top of his chosen field of law, serving twice as a head of his firm's executive committee, and also served on the board of some of Rhode Island's largest institutions, including the Gorham Company, Rhode Island Trust National Bank, and the Rhode Island Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt served 22 years in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, 10 of them as Minority Leader, where he championed a more effective and transparent state government, improved medical care for the elderly, and greater access to affordable housing for all Rhode Islander's; and

WHEREAS, His unswerving belief in the transformative power of education led him to become the Head of the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, and Chairman of the Board of St. Marks School, Southboro, Massachusetts and Senior Fellow of Brown University, which awarded him an honorary degree and the President's Medal, and to serve on the Board of Directors for the Rhode Island School of Design and the Annenberg Institute for School Reform; and

WHEREAS, His devotion to bettering the lives of less fortunate Providence and Rhode Island residents included support of the John E. Fogarty Foundation for the Mentally Retarded, the Boys and Girls Club of Providence and the Southside Community Land Trust; and

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THE COMMITTEE ON  
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Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution, as Amended  
How L. Hays  
6-26-06 Clerk

Councilmen D'Alfonzo, Hassett, De Luca & Councilwoman Di Ruzzo

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt was also a leading steward of the natural treasures in Providence and Rhode Island, serving on the Board of Directors of the Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Lands, and leading the effort to raise funds to restore the Woonasquatucket River and Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt was a three time candidate for Mayor of the City of Providence and on June 2, 2005 was posthumously made Honorary Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, During his 14 year tenure as the first Chairman of the innovative Providence Plan, Fred conceived of the reclamation of the polluted Woonasquatucket River and its environs; and

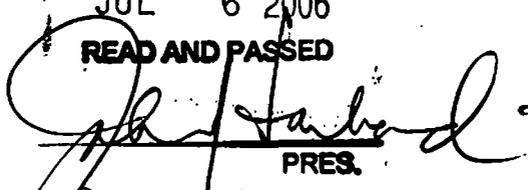
WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt successfully led the initiative to secure private, City, State and Federal support and funding for the environmental clean-up, the creation or reclamation of our four parks and the construction of a 5.7 mile bike path; and

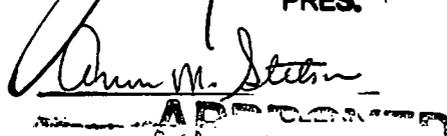
WHEREAS, The Woonasquatucket Greenway reclamation reflects Fred Lippitt's commitment to the urban environment, education, affordable housing and Providence neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt's vision of a Woonasquatucket River Greenway that provides educational and recreational opportunities, restores the river environment, stimulates economic reinvestment, and promotes affordable housing and neighborhood stabilization is well on its way to being realized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council rename the Woonasquatucket River Greenway in Providence the "Fred Lippitt Woonasquatucket River Greenway" as a permanent tribute to the dedication and leadership of the Honorable Frederick Lippitt.

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WHEREAS Michael Berg, United States Congressional candidate in Delaware, will be visiting Providence, Rhode Island on July 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2004, Mr. Berg suffered the horrific personal tragedy of losing his son, Nicholas Berg, who was murdered reportedly at the hand of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, His son had been in Iraq to help Iraqi citizens without any expectation of personal gain, and was reportedly killed in revenge for the atrocities committed against prisoners in the jails of Abu Ghraib - that terrible stain on the soul of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, Mr. Berg has gained national and international attention because of his strong and outspoken belief in peace and for his urgent calls to end the unjustified war in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, He has been unwavering in his demand that the United States join the other nations of the world in seeking peaceful solutions rather than further conflict; and

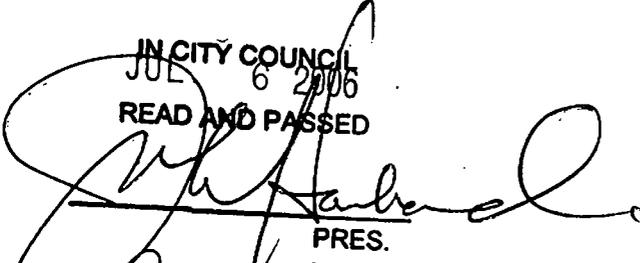
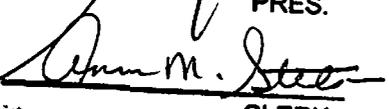
WHEREAS, In August 2004, Mr. Berg was presented with the Courageous Resistor Award at New York University, and a year later, received the Adele Dwyer St. Thomas of Villanova Peace Award; and

WHEREAS, He is eloquent in his demand for a just and humane society, both in the United States and abroad, and for an economic system that cherishes each individual and the earth we all share; and

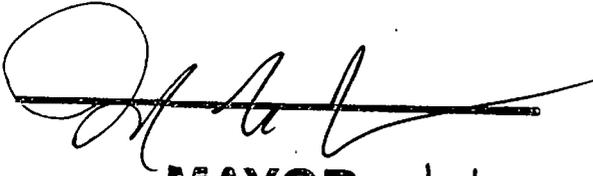
WHEREAS, Mr. Berg is visiting Providence as part of a speaking tour to continue his efforts to call attention to the need to bring our troops home now.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence does hereby proudly welcome Michael Berg to our city, and recognize him for the leadership that he has provided to find a peaceful resolution to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence extends to Mr. Berg its best wishes for continued success in calling on all individuals to work together toward a just, equitable and peaceful society, and the courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation, even in the face of personal tragedy.

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Councilman Lusa (by Request)