

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 107

Approved February 28, 2025

WHEREAS, Rita Murphy is a dedicated individual that has served in various levels of the city, state and federal government and over her years of service, established herself as a valuable problem solver for constituents and elected officials alike; and

WHEREAS, Rita began her career in local city government, campaigning for many local Providence City Councilmen such as David Dillon, Thomas Glavin, Nick Easton, Ronnie Allen, as well as members of the Providence State delegation Representative Tom Slater and State Senator Bob Kells; and

WHEREAS, Through these campaigns, Rita and the electeds established a community based ideology that she carried with her through the rest of her career; and

WHEREAS, She then joined the staff on the Providence City Council, working her way up from Secretary to Staff Director; and

WHEREAS, With her time working on the City Council, she worked relentlessly to establish positive policy and community based-agendas that moved Providence forward into the vibrant city it is today; and

WHEREAS, After working briefly as RI Governor Sundlun's scheduler, she returned to the City, but this time to serve as the Deputy Chief of staff for then Mayor David Cicilline; and

WHEREAS, In this role, she became one of the mayor's closest advisors and a key leader in the city, helping the mayor and thousands of constituents navigate the inner workings of various City departments; and

WHEREAS, She continued serving Mayor Cicilline when he moved from the mayor's office to congress, serving as his Director of Constituent Affairs and becoming a leader in Rhode Island's congressional branch; and

WHEREAS, Although the role was familiar to Rita, navigating the complexities of the federal government on behalf of constituents was another enormous challenge, but she rose to that challenge and, in particular, she became an expert in complicated matters such as health care and social security benefits; and



WHEREAS, At every level of government that Rita served, she easily became the go-to person to get things done. As a result of her hard work, care and dedication over her years of service, she became a tremendous asset to the people of the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence wishes to honor the life, career and legacy of Rita Murphy by establishing a ceremonial designation along 151 Rounds Avenue as "Rita Murphy Way" honorary designation.

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, which shall reflect the "Rita Murphy Way" honorary designation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Rita Murphy and her family members.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 20 2025
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 2/28/2025