

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 75

Approved February 23, 2022

WHEREAS, Thomas Spann was a standout two-sport student-athlete at the University of Rhode Island (URI) and a valuable member of the football team between 1975-1977; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Spann was also a four-year letter winner in track and field; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Spann was an Assistant Football Coach at South Kingstown High and Head Girls Track Coach at North Kingstown High; and

WHEREAS, Since his graduation from URI in 1978, Thomas Spann has relentlessly worked to transmit his love of sports by serving as a coach and mentor at Hope High School and Johnson and Wales University and was named Coach of the Year 11 times; and

WHEREAS, Coach Thomas Spann is a Hall of Fame member for the Rhode Island Interscholastic League and the Rhode Island Track Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, Coach Thomas Spann received the honor of serving as a member of the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay Team; and

WHEREAS, He is a dedicated public servant who has served the City of Providence in the Recreation Department for many years and is the recipient of the 2011 Ben Mondor Community Service Award by Words Unlimited which honors Rhode Island's top athletes and coaches; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 Coach Thomas Spann was the New Balance National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Thomas Spann's athletes have set forty-seven (47) records with sixteen (16) still standing; and

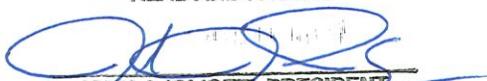
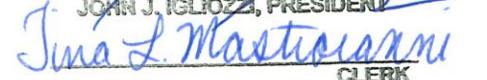
WHEREAS, Coach Spann's desire to share his passion led him to create the Providence Cobras youth track club, helping athletes of all skill levels from Providence and beyond in various sports of track and field grow and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Coach Spann is a Providence icon because of his leadership and dedication to the community as well as his impact on the lives of the thousands of students he has coached and mentored over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby names Hope High track field the "Coach Thomas Spann Track".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of Public Property, and the Superintendent of Providence Public Schools and Coach Thomas Spann.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 17 2022
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT

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I HEREBY APPROVE


Mayor
Date: 2/23/22

ANGÉLICA INFANTE-GREEN
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JAVIER MONTAÑEZ
Interim Superintendent

August 3, 2021

Dear Councilwoman Harris and Members of the Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning Committee,

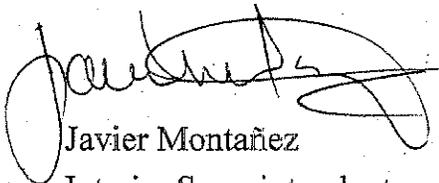
I am writing to express my support of the Resolution to name Hope High School Track after Coach Thomas Spann.

I want to acknowledge and thank Coach Spann for his immeasurable impact on thousands of youth during his coaching tenure. Coach Thomas Spann is a dedicated and longtime member of the Providence community and has spent more than four decades serving Rhode Island youth in coaching and mentorship capacities. Coach Spann has been named Founder of the Providence Cobras Youth Track Club and 2014 New Balance Coach of the Year, and is a member of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, among other impressive accolades.

It is my recommendation that the City Council move forward with the Resolution to name Hope High School Track after Coach Thomas Spann.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Javier Montañez
Interim Superintendent
Providence Public School District