

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 156

Approved April 5, 2024

WHEREAS, In the year 1924, Angelo's Civita Farnese Restaurant first opened its doors to the bustling streets of Federal Hill, inviting patrons to savor the authentic flavors of Farnese, a quaint village nestled 60 miles northwest of Rome, whose culinary legacy would be faithfully honored within its walls; and

WHEREAS, Even after a century of service, the essence of Angelo's endures, a testament to its unwavering commitment to fresh ingredients and a welcoming, family-friendly ambiance that has captivated patrons young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the last 100 years, Angelo's has persevered through the trials of history, weathering the tempests of economic hardship, including the tumultuous Great Depression, when its innovative tradition of pairing meatballs with french fries became a symbol of resilience and resourcefulness, ensuring that no patron would depart with an empty stomach or an empty wallet; and

WHEREAS, Angelo's emerged as the quintessential "workingman's" sanctuary, a haven where the scent of freshly prepared dishes, steeped in centuries-old recipes, filled the air, promising not extravagance, but rather a humble abundance of hearty, soul-satisfying fare at prices accessible to all, creating an atmosphere as comforting and inviting as a cherished family gathering; and

WHEREAS, The torch of tradition passed from founder Angelo Mastrodicasa to his dedicated daughters, who carried forth the flame of culinary excellence, culminating in the momentous relocation of the restaurant to its present residence at 141 Atwells Avenue in 1965, where it has remained an iconic fixture ever since, under the stewardship of the Antignano family, who have imbued Angelo's with their own spirit of generosity and devotion to quality, ensuring that each meal served is infused with the same love and care that has defined Angelo's throughout its storied history; and

WHEREAS, It is within the hallowed halls of Angelo's that time stands still, where the original community tables still stand as witnesses to the shared joys of countless gatherings, and where the whimsical charm of the L.G.B. train from Germany continues to ride along its 125 feet of solid brass track, delighting diners young and old since 1994; and

WHEREAS, With the simple deposit of a quarter, the train embarks on its journey around the dining room ceiling, a whimsical tradition that serves a noble purpose, as one hundred percent of all donations benefit the chosen Choo Choo Charity of the month, dedicated to supporting local children's charities in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, In the thirty years since its inception, Angelo's Civita Farnese Restaurant has exemplified the spirit of generosity and community, with donations exceeding \$40,000 to date, a testament to its enduring commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those in need; and

WHEREAS, As the mantle of leadership passed through generations, from Bob and Lee Antignano to their daughters Cindy and Jamie, the indomitable spirit of Angelo's has endured, a testament to the enduring legacy of familial dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its heartfelt admiration and congratulations to Angelo's Civita Farnese Restaurant on its momentous 100th anniversary, celebrating a century of delicious food, familial tradition, and community spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Jamie Antignano and the entire Antignano family, as a token of our deep appreciation and admiration for their unwavering commitment to excellence and their profound impact on our community

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED



RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT


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I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 4/5/2024