

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 577

Approved October 15, 1982

WHEREAS, W. Earl Dodd, Second Deputy City Clerk of Providence from January 7, 1935 to January 6, 1941, at which time he was elevated to City Clerk, and retired from that Office on January 2, 1945, and

WHEREAS, While Deputy City Clerk in 1936, he served as Clerk of the Committees during the year of the Tercentenary Anniversary of the City of Providence, consisting of thirteen members, one representative from each Ward, and

WHEREAS, "Earl" was the first City Clerk to serve under the unicameral system of the City Council due to the "Providence Charter Act of 1940" which he was involved in the writing of, and

WHEREAS, W. Earl Dodd's career has been one of the great accomplishments, he was known as the "Boswell of the City Council", due to his being the first City Clerk to prepare the Printed Journal of Proceedings for the Organizational Meeting of January 6, 1941, at which time the Providence Journal editorialized on his work, and

WHEREAS, Active in Civic, Social and Religious affairs, he was a member of the Executive Democratic City Committee, Chairman of the Third Ward Democratic Committee, former President and Director of the John E. Fogarty Center, one of the founders of the Parents Council of Retarded Citizens, together with numerous other organizations and sports activities, and

WHEREAS, W. Earl Dodd, now eighty years of age, was the oldest Stockbroker in Rhode Island and retired on March 19, 1982, as the "Dean of Stockbrokers of the State of Rhode Island",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council join with his legion of friends to acknowledge their gratitude and appreciation to W. Earl Dodd for his many years of dedicated public service and hereby designate him "City Clerk Emeritus".

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 7 1982

READ AND PASSED

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CITY CLERK

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CITY CLERK

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