

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 248

Approved July 22, 2020

WHEREAS, Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. is the longest-serving president in the 100-year history of Providence College; and

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2020, Father Shanley's tenure as president of Providence College ended following fifteen years of guiding the school through a period of remarkable change and growth; and

WHEREAS, Under Father Shanley's presidency, the College built upon its proud heritage as a Catholic, liberal arts institution, sustained its commitment to its ideals, and modified both practices and facilities in ways that have enhanced its national profile and created a sustainable platform for long-term success; and

WHEREAS, Father Shanley has overseen a substantial transformation of the Providence College campus including the additions of the Ruane Center for the Humanities, the Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies, and the Ruane Friar Development Center, as well as a completely re-envisioned model for pedestrian and vehicular movement around the campus; and

WHEREAS, Father Shanley made diversity a high priority of his administration, establishing the advancement of diversity as one of the core values of both Providence College's 2011 Strategic Plan and its 2018 successor plan, which has resulted in the percentage of undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds almost tripling (to approximately 20 percent of the student body population) since 2005, and the percentage of diverse full-time faculty has risen from eight percent to 17 percent over the same time period; and

WHEREAS, Providence College is one of the ten largest employers within the City of Providence and a major driver of the local economy, and as a result of Father Shanley's leadership the College maintained a strong commitment to the City through more than 55,000 hours of student community service assisting over 150 different social service agencies, community groups, public, private and charter schools, and city government offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. for his dedicated service to the residents of the City of Providence through his 15 years serving as the President of Providence College.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 16 2020

READ AND PASSED, *as amended*

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PRES.

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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE

Date:

Mayor

7/22/20