

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 402*

*Approved* December 9, 2010

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a lifelong Rhode Island resident who has dedicated herself making her community a better place and to improving the lives of the disadvantaged, children, and minorities; and

WHEREAS, She received a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Johnson and Wales University and a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University; and

WHEREAS, In her six years as Director of Diversity for Lifespan, she increased overall workplace diversity by 50% and professional staff diversity by nearly two-thirds; and

WHEREAS, Earlier this year, she was appointed Vice President of Community Relations for Lifespan, making her the first African-American vice president in the company's history; and

WHEREAS, She has been extremely active in our community, serving on the board of the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau, holding leadership positions at the Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly Church in Providence, and helping the local branch of the Audubon Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has been a dedicated public servant, serving on the Providence School Board for six years, including three as School Board President; and

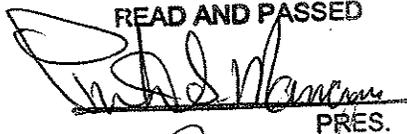
WHEREAS, In addition to her work in Providence's public schools, she has demonstrated her commitment to improving the lives of children through her work with foster children and the Roger Williams Day Care Center; and

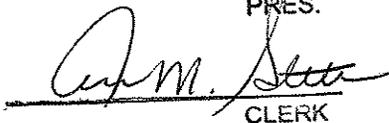
WHEREAS, She has been involved with organizations promoting social justice such as the Rhode Island Black Philanthropy Initiative, the National Association of 100 Black Women, the Institute for Diversity of American Leadership Council, and the Urban League of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On October 12, 2010 Rhode Island for Community & Justice (RICJ), a social justice organization dedicated to combating bias, bigotry and racism and promoting understanding and respect, honored Ms. Jones with its 2010 Community and Justice Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby thank and honor Gertrude F. Jones for her many contributions to the community and for her efforts to improve the lives of children, minorities, and the less fortunate throughout Rhode Island.

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