

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 452

Approved August 14, 1998

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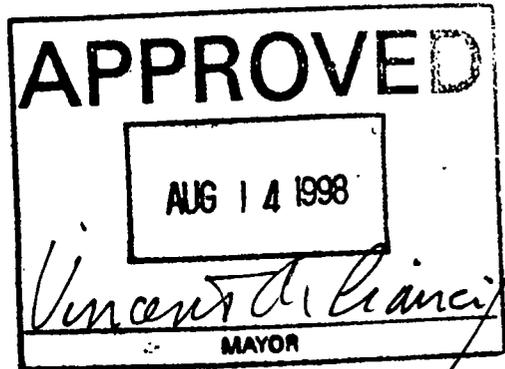
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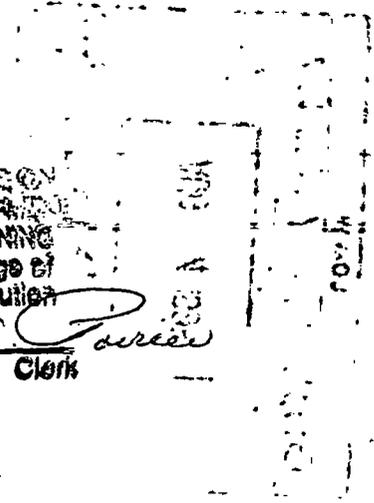


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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

Michael K. Clement CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING
Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Barbara A. Parson
7/1/98 Clerk



Councilwoman Young

URBAN LEAGUE—RHODE ISLAND

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Executive Director

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MESSAGE

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EDUCATION: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

University of Connecticut School of Social Work
Hartford, Connecticut

POST GRADUATE STUDIES

Supervision and Administration
Boston University School of Social Work
Boston, Massachusetts

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING:

Executive Management Training Courses, Family Service
Association of America, National Urban League

The Public Sector Management Development Institute,
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

System Approach to Management, Impact Systems, Inc.
Kennebunkport, Maine

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

1985- URBAN LEAGUE OF RHODE ISLAND, Providence, RI

President & CEO of Urban League of Rhode Island a
statewide Civil Rights, Social Service Organization
serving Rhode Island's African-American, other minorities
and the poor through programs of Advocacy, Research
Community Organizing, and direct services such as
personal counseling, employment, training and
educational programs, emergency assistance, crisis
intervention; shelter services, foster care and adoption
programs; and transitional living services for parenting
teens.

Diverse funding budget of 3.2 million; staff of 110.

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1980-1985 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES,
State of R.I.
Assistant Director, Division of Community Service

1973-1980 FAMILY SERVICES, INC., Providence, R.I.
Executive Director

1967-1973 PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, Providence, R.I.
Psychiatric Social Work Supervisor

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Consultant work in mental health, children's services and programs.

CURRENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Trustee:

- Bryant College
- Rhode Island Foundation
- Butler Hospital-

Board of Directors:

- Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council (RIPEC)
- United Way of Southeastern New England
- Boy Scouts of America Narragansett Council
- RI Coalition Against Bigotry (Chair)
- Hospital Association of R.I. (HARI)
- Rhode Island Urban Project

Advisory Boards:

- Minority Health Task Force (Vice Chair)
- Brown University Institutional Review Board
- PROBE (Providence Blueprint on Education)
- RI Housing & Mortgage Corp.
- Providence Public Library
- Volunteers in Action
- Governor's Commission on Prejudice & Bias

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PAST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Board of Directors of: Public Education Fund; RI Lung Association; and Leadership RI (past Vice Chair)
Junior Achievement of R.I.
Urban Project
Foundation of Community College of R.I.
LISC (Local Community Support Corporation)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

- Robert S. Burgess Community Service Award, 1980
- Recognition Award, Rhode Island College of Social Work, 1981
- Commanders of the Rite 33rd Black Achievers Award, 1985
- Delta Sigma Theta Inc. Community Service Award, 1986
- Providence 350th Anniversary Community Service Award, 1986
- Parish Vaughn Sterrett Humanitarian Service Award, 1988
(John Hope Settlement House)
- David Sweet Leadership RI Alumni Award, 1989
- Distinguished Leadership Award, National Association
for Community Leadership, 1989
- National Urban League Eastern Region Executive of the
Year, 1992
- ACLU Civil Libertarian of the Year Award, 1994
- Boy Scouts of America; Narragansett Chapter
- Whitney M. Young Award, 1994

PROFESSIONAL & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Member of Black Social Workers of R. I.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- The Greater Providence Chapter of Links, Inc.

B. Jae Clanton Introduction Notes

Mrs. B. Jae Clanton, a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania came to Providence, RI upon graduation from college 30 years ago.

Bessie Jae Smith Clanton, who became known to Rhode Islanders as B. Jae, graduated from William Penn High School in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with honors, graduating #11 in a class of 365.

She is a graduate of West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from University of Connecticut School of Social Work.

She has also completed post graduate courses at Boston University School of Social work in Social Work Administration and Supervision. Mrs. Clanton has received certificates of completion in Management Training from Family Service Association of America, University of RI, and The National Urban League.

B. Jae began her professional social work career at John Hope Settlement House as a Girls Worker in 1957. Her long history of activism in the area of children's services include; a position as a psychiatric social worker and clinical supervisor with the Providence School System. In 1973, she became the first Black and first woman to serve as Executive Director of Family Service, Inc., a 100 year social service agency. When the Department for children and Their Families was established in 1980, Mrs. Clanton was appointed as Assistant Director for the Division of Community Services.

In March 1985, B. Jae became the first female Executive Director of the Urban League of Rhode Island. As Director of that agency she supervises a staff of 110 with a budget of 3.2 million. Under her directorship, the League provides educational and counseling services to adolescent parents; programs for placing minority children in foster and adoptive homes; shelter to homeless families and individuals, residential services for the homeless mentally ill; advocacy public policy and research.

A community activist, Mrs. Clanton received the Robert S. Burgess Community Service Award in 1989 as the outstanding professional in the field of Human Services; the Commanders of the 33rd Rite "Black Achievers Award in 1985; and the David E. Sweet Award in 1989. Among her most significant professional accomplishments over the past ten years are; working to establish a pediatric

oncology unit at RI Hospital which involved both parents and children in the process of cancer treatment; working on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Subcommittee for Delinquent Children as an advocate for improved counseling services; and chairing the Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry with other community, government, and religious leaders to combat racism and discrimination in Rhode Island. She is currently serving on the Board of Trustees of Butler Hospital; the Institutional Review Board of Brown University, the Board of Directors of Jr. Achievement; the Board of Directors of the RI Urban Project, the Rhode Island Foundation, the CCCRI Foundation, and Bryant College.

B. Jae is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a charter member of its local Chapter Theta Psi Omega and a Charter member of the Links Inc. of the Greater Providence Area. She is also a member of the Pond Street Baptist Church, and served on the Board of Trustees. An alumni and Vice Chair of Leadership Rhode Island, she was recognized as one of the 350 outstanding Providence community leaders during Providence 350th Birthday Celebration.

Women recalled for civic efforts

■ A park will be named for Carolyn F. Brassil and a City Council member has proposed that a school be named for B. Jae Clanton. Both died on March 31.

By **GREGORY SMITH**
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE — A city park is to be renamed in honor of the late Carolyn F. Brassil, who served as the first woman City Council member and city tax collector.

Women

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million bond issue to improve the park, which is designed for children. The money is paying for the installation of a rubberized safety surface and new play equipment, as well as the monument.

Brassil, who lived near the park in Fox Point, served on the council as a Democrat from 1975 to 1989, when she left to become the first woman tax collector in city history.

While on the council, she served as chairwoman of the Finance Committee during the fiscal crisis of Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr.'s first tenure in office.

She also served as chairwoman of the city Democratic Committee and as a member of the Zoning

PROVIDENCE

And a council member has proposed that another woman who was prominent in the life of the city, the late B. Jae Clanton, long-time executive director of the Urban League of Rhode Island, be remembered by having a new school named for her.

At the suggestion of Councilman Robert M. Clarkin, D-Ward 1, the council and the city Board of Park Commissioners recently approved the renam-

ing of Arnold Street Park as Carolyn F. Brassil Memorial Park. The park is in Clarkin's ward.

"She was quite a lady. People loved her," said Clarkin, who succeeded her on the council.

The park is scheduled to be dedicated to Brassil on June 28 at 1 p.m., with a monument consisting of a brick wall bearing a plaque.

"It's going to look gorgeous," Clarkin said.

Clarkin has approved spending \$30,000 to \$35,000 from the city's \$50-

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BRASSIL

Board of Review and the Board of Tax Assessment Review.

She remained as tax collector until retiring in 1995. She died March 31 at the age of 61.

Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, D-Ward 11, has proposed that the elementary school being built at the former Mandela Woods site in South Providence be named the B. Jae Clanton Elementary School.

Clanton was the first woman to lead the Urban League, a civil-rights and social-services organization, of which she was executive director from March 1985 through May 1997. A long-time Providence resident, she lived in Warwick for six years until her death March 31.



CLANTON

She was a social worker for Family Service, a local social-service agency, and the Providence School Department. Later she became assistant director of the

Division of Community Services of the state Department for Children and Their Families.

Clanton, who was chairwoman of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry, received numerous humanitarian and civil-rights awards. She also served on a number of boards of directors and advisory councils.

The proposal was referred for consideration to the council's Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

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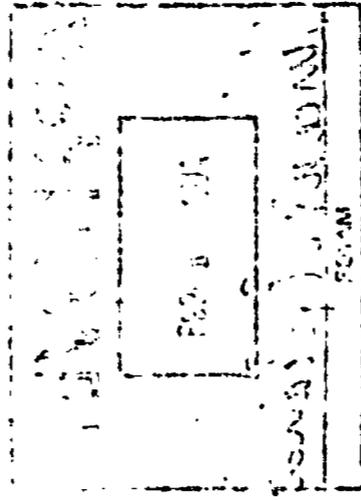
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Councilman Clarkin