

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 108

Approved February 28, 2025

WHEREAS, Cedric Paul Huntley, known to many as "Mr. Ced," devoted husband, father, brother, son, and community champion, passed away on July 10, 2024, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Cedric was born on August 12, 1958, in Lafayette, Louisiana, and moved to Providence, Rhode Island, at the age of seven, embracing values of integrity, education, hard work, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's commitment to mentoring youth began at Roger Williams Day Care Summer Camp in 1976, leading to a lifelong dedication to helping others achieve their dreams, later earning a Master's in Education from Cambridge College; and

WHEREAS, Cedric served the community through roles such as working in Rhode Island Governor Sundlun's Constituent Services, owning a small business, serving as Site Director of the South Providence Recreation Center, and as Director of Student Support Services at The MET School; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's leadership at the Nonviolence Institute as Executive Director from 2020 to 2023 was pivotal, where his association with the nonprofit dated back to its founding in 2001 as a board member, promoting nonviolent practices and nurturing a safer, more unified community; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's tenure at the Nonviolence Institute involved addressing the evolution of violence and social media's impact, creating safe spaces for young people, collaborating with local schools to support the community, and providing youth with tools to lead fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Cedric served on numerous boards, including College Unbound, the MET School, Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission, Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, LaSalle Academy Board of Trustees, Criminal Justice Policy Board, and the Providence Police Advisory Board, always leading with love, patience, and humility; and

WHEREAS, Cedric received numerous accolades, including the Providence Police Community Appreciation Award (2017), Citizen Citation Award from the Mayor of Providence (2012), Community Volunteer Award for Service Above Self from the Rotary Club of Providence (2012), and various official citations from the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence, showcasing his commitment to youth and community development; and

WHEREAS, Cedric's work as Director of Student Services and Safety at The Met School from July 2002 to October 2019, and as Site Director at the John Rollins Recreation Center from September 1999 to October 2019, exemplified his dedication to fostering a beloved community; and

WHEREAS, Cedric Huntley was inducted into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame in 2022, recognizing his lifelong dedication to promoting peace, justice, and breaking the cycle of violence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to honor the remarkable life and contributions of Cedric Huntley, ensuring his legacy continues to inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, Cedric Huntley is survived by his loving wife, Anika Kimble-Huntley, stepchildren Ryan, Sean, Alexis, Stephon, Dale, and daughter Tyler, step-grandchildren Tyree, Dale, Kean, and Avery, mother, Theresa Jackson and stepfather Eric Jackson, sisters, Phyllis Huntley Evans, Angela Huntley, Regina Huntley, brother, Christopher (JoAnn) Huntley, nephew, Jeffrey (Chevon) Huntley, nieces Ashley (Kyle Smith) Huntley, Denille (Michelle) Huntley-Gray, Lindsey Evans (fiancé Keeara), and many other relatives and friends; and



WHEREAS, The Providence City Council extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Cedric Huntley, honoring his significant impact on the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the life and legacy of Cedric Huntley, a relentless advocate for peace and nonviolence, a cherished community leader, and a transformative figure in the City of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council officially renames Richardson Street to Cedric Huntley Way and renames Richardson Park to Cedric Huntley Park, ensuring his name and legacy continue to inspire and remind the community of his unwavering dedication and impactful service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Cedric Huntley, the Nonviolence Institute, The Met School, Roger Williams Middle School, the Providence Postmaster, the Providence Superintendent of Parks, the members of the Providence Board of Park Commissioners, the office of the Providence Director of Public Works, and the office of Providence Mayor Brett Smiley.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 20 2025
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 2/28/2025



January 8, 2025

Tina L. Mastroianni, City Clerk
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Mastroianni,

Thank you for contacting me regarding The Providence City Councils request to rename Richardson Street to Cedric Huntley Way.

While researching this matter, I discovered that currently there are no mail delivery points on Richardson Street; therefore, changing the name will not cause any issues or concerns with the Postal Service.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne M. Jackson".

Jeanne M. Jackson, Postmaster
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