

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 30

Approved January 27, 2017

WHEREAS, Described as, "Fiery, strong, smart, quick, caring, and justice-minded," Sister Patricia Ann Farley was a Sister of Mercy for 63 years; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of her community, she taught elementary and high school at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, began a broad-based religious education program at St. Catherine Parish in Warwick, trained inmates in the ACI so they could teach literacy skills to other less educated inmates, tutored low-income mothers to help them earn their GED, and was instrumental in developing literacy programs for adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Sister Pat, as she was commonly known, was granted the first ever Lifetime Leadership Award from Re-Focus, a local non-profit agency serving adults with physical and developmental needs, for her 21 years of service to that organization; and

WHEREAS, During her time at Re-Focus, she served as the Director of Human Resources and created comprehensive and creative training programs for staff that were served as a guide for a whole generation of dedicated professionals; and

WHEREAS, Sister Pat was known for her exceptional teaching ability, her organizational skills, and, most of all, incredible ability to support and encourage others to achieve their goals and better themselves; and

WHEREAS, Sister Patricia Farley passed away from cancer at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the life, work, and legacy of Sister Patricia Farley to name the intersection of Nahant and Russo Streets, just steps from the Re-Focus Community Center where she worked for more than two decades, in her memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life, work, and legacy of Sister Patricia Farley by naming the intersection of Nahant Street and Russo Street, "Sister Patricia Farley Memorial Square."

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 19 2017

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE

Mayor

Date: _____

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