

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 231

Approved April 10, 1986

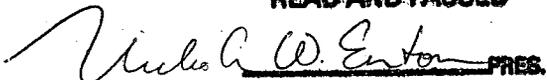
WHEREAS, Following more than four decades of dedicated service to our community, it has been reported that Harry Kizirian, Postmaster of Rhode Island, will no longer hold that position he rose to and earned in 1960, and

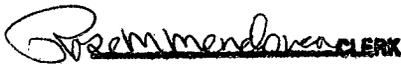
WHEREAS, This news has stunned the people of our State as "Harry", known and admired by many, is held in high respect for his numerous achievements throughout his years of service, as well as his amicable personality,

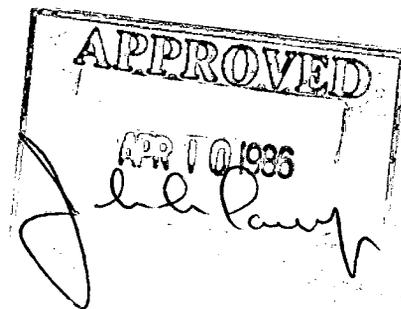
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby urge the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation to oppose the removal of Harry Kizirian as Postmaster of Rhode Island and request the Postmaster General Albert V. Casey to reconsider the reorganization which would effect our State.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 3 1986

READ AND PASSED

 PRES.

 CLERK



Councilman Bassett Councilman Pitts

Rose M. Mendonca

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Clerk of Council

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First Deputy

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Grace Nobrega

Second Deputy

April 17, 1986

Honorable Claiborne DeB. Pell  
418 Federal Building  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Senator Pell:

Enclosed herewith, is certified copy of Resolution No. 231, the same having been approved by His Honor the Mayor on April 10, 1986 and sponsored by the entire City Council, for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,  
City Clerk of Providence.

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Enclosure.

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April 17, 1986

Honorable John H. Chafee  
301 Post Office Annex  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Senator Chafee:

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April 17, 1986

Honorable Fernand J. St. Germain  
204 John E. Forarty Federal Building  
Providence, Rhode Island 09203

Dear Representative St. Germain:

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Honorable Claudine Schneider  
30 Rolfe Street  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02910

Dear Representative Schneider:

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Postmaster General Albert V. Casey  
475 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Casey:

Enclosed herewith, is certified copy of Resolution No. 231, the same having been approved by His Honor the Mayor on April 10, 1986 and sponsored by the entire City Council, for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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April 17, 1986

Postmaster Harry Kizirian  
Main Post Office  
Corliss Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02904

Dear Postmaster Kizirian,

Enclosed herewith, is certified copy of Resolution No. 231, the same having been approved by His Honor the Mayor on April 10, 1986 and sponsored by the entire City Council, for your knowledge.

I am sure this Resolution expresses the feelings of the Administration and the Legislative Body of our City.

Good Luck to you in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,  
City Clerk of Providence.

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 21, 1986

Mrs. Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Resolution of the City Council in support of our wonderful Providence Postmaster Harry Kizirian.

I believe the Postal Service made a colossal blunder in not selecting Harry to be General Manager of the new Field Division it is creating in Providence.

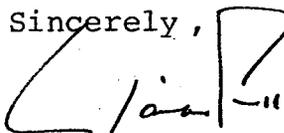
Harry has been a superb Postmaster who is beloved by his employees, his patrons and by all the citizens of our State. To select someone else to direct this new regional postal organization betrays an incredible lack of sensitivity both to the fine job Harry has done and to the wishes of the people of Rhode Island.

Along with the other members of the Congressional Delegation, I met with Postmaster General Albert Casey. I told him that I thought the Postal Service had made a terrible mistake and pressed him to reverse the decision.

Mr. Casey, while praising Harry and his outstanding performance as Postmaster, refused to reconsider. He did hold out the possibility that, should Harry decide not to accept a position in New York, he could remain in Providence in an important position, though not as the new General Manager.

I still believe the Postal Service was flat out wrong in its decision, but do not see any other action I can take to persuade them to reverse it.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,  
  
Claiborne Pell



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
Government Relations Department  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20260-3500

May 5, 1986

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk of Providence  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1789

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

This is in response to your letter of April 17, to Postmaster General Albert V. Casey, in which you transmitted a copy of Resolution No. 231. The resolution notes the City Council's opposition to the selection of an individual other than Harry Kizirian as Providence Field Division General Manager, as a part of organizational changes which are being implemented by the Postal Service.

Since January, intensive functional reviews have been ongoing within the Postal Service. The object has been to find ways to make us respond more quickly and effectively to customer needs as well as to improve our financial and service performance.

On March 24, Postmaster General Casey announced a major realignment of the Postal Service field structure and designated 74 new divisions that are part of a national reorganization of the entire postal management structure. The newly created field division general manager positions entail a wider responsibility than those traditionally considered to be that of a postmaster. These managers will combine functions which have been exercised by sectional center managers, district managers, and to some extent the regional postmasters general.

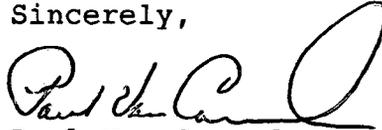
Providence was named as one which will become a key field unit, with Wallace Kido as the Field Division General Manager. It is important to remember that Mr. Kido is not simply replacing Mr. Kizirian. Rather, he is undertaking a completely different functional role which now has been assigned to the Providence office. The fact that

Mr. Kizirian was not chosen to head the new division is in no way an adverse reflection on him. There never has been any question concerning Mr. Kizirian's many outstanding qualities. His service throughout his career has exemplified the highest standards.

Discussions were held with Mr. Kizirian concerning a responsible position within the Providence Field Division and Northeast Region. We are sorry that Mr. Kizirian decided not to accept any of these positions but, instead, to retire. He will, however, remain with the Postal Service as a consultant until January 1987 to assist in the transition.

We anticipate that Mr. Kido will serve the Providence community very well and trust that members of the community will support him in this new role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Van Coverden".

Paul Van Coverden  
Director  
Office of Government Liaison