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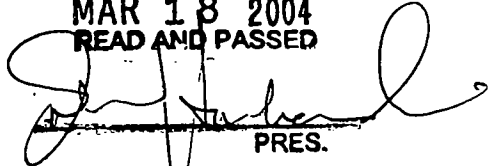
# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 105

**Approved** March 24, 2004

RESOLVED, That a Memorial Plaque be established in memory of  
John Augustus Roach, Sr. at the corner of Federal Street and Sutton Street.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 18 2004  
READ AND PASSED

  
PRES.

  
CLERK

**APPROVED**



**MAYOR** 3/24/04

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 5 2004  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING  
*Michael J. Clement* CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution  
*Thomas M. Helson*  
2-25-04 CLERK

*Carrie President Lombardi (By Request)*

PROVIDENCE — John Augustus Roach Sr., 86, of Sutton Street, a longtime civil servant, and well-known Democratic functionary from the city's 13th Ward, died Wednesday at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, North Providence.



Mr. Roach held many city positions through the administrations of several mayors, including head of civil defense, director of Progress For Providence, and administrator of the CETA program. He retired in 1997 as deputy director of the Communications Department.

As deputy director of Emergency Management in 1985, under then-Mayor Joseph Paolino, Roach put the city's evacuation plan into effect during Hurricane Gloria.

Former public safety commissioner Charles Pisatauro called him, "a hard-working guy, and very, very, very conscientious."

Mr. Roach had been chief maintenance planner at the state Department of Transportation, before being tapped by Paolino to become deputy director of civil defense, when the city agency was unable to account for missing vehicles.

Mr. Roach had been New England manager for Franklin Research Corp., of Philadelphia, before devoting his life to civil service and politics.

He was a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Federal Hill Council, Bishop F. Hendricken Assembly, and a grand marshal of the Knights of Co-

lumbus. In 1980, the Federal Hill Council hosted the Columbus Day parade, shifting the route from the city center to Atwells Avenue. He then became coordinator of the Providence Columbus Day Parade.

Mr. Roach was the salutatorian of his graduating class at La Salle Academy, and was a Christian brother graduate of St. Joseph Normal Institute, Barrytown, N.Y., in 1948.

He was the president of the Rhode Island Budgerigar Association, raising and breeding parakeets for many years.

Mr. Roach had been a percussionist for the Ralph Stuart Orchestra.

He was an avid fisherman and outdoor enthusiast.

He was the husband of the late Philomena R. (Iacono) Roach. Born in Providence, a son of the late John and Bridgett (Coyne) Roach, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He leaves two sons, John A. Roach Jr. of the Rumford section of East Providence, and Dennis P. Roach of Providence; two daughters, Phyllis R. Roach of Cranston and Kathleen J. Domingos of North Providence; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. He was the brother of the late Farrell Sylvester, Mary Ferguson, Austin Roach and Catherine B. Catallozzi.

The funeral will be held Monday at 9 a.m. from Thomas Gattone & Son Funeral Home, 334 Broadway, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Spruce Street. Entombment will be in Our Risen Christ Garden Mausoleum, St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston.

1/10/04

John,

Please find enclosed information that should be helpful in granting my father a memorial plaque @ the corner of Federal & Sutton. The obituary into speaks for itself.

Thanks John for all your help. I am most appreciative!

Dennis

996-6688

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City Clerk

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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 11/16/04

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Person Lombardi

By Request ☒  
Not By Request ☐

Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution establishing a memorial plaque  
in memory of JOHN AUGUSTUS ROACH, SR.  
@ the corner of Federal and South.

\* See attached info \*

PROVISED  
TO THE CLERK OF THE CITY

NOV 17 2004

Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 13, 2004

**TO:** Irene Testa  
Traffic Engineering

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Establishing a Memorial Plaque in  
memory of John Augustus Roach, Sr. at the corner of  
Federal Street and Sutton Street.

**CONSIDERED BY:** Anna M. Stetson, Second Deputy City Clerk

**DISPOSITION:** I have been directed by Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Chairwoman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning to refer to you the accompanying resolution for study, report and recommendation.

Please report back in writing to the above-named Committee as soon as practical because the Committee would like to expedite this matter in an orderly fashion.

*Anna M. Stetson*  
Second Deputy City Clerk

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 106

*Approved* March 24, 2004

WHEREAS, The office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, The office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

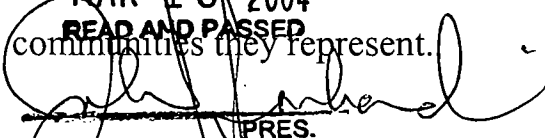

WHEREAS, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

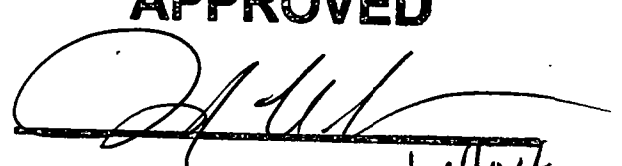
WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is the most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the week of May 2, 2004 through May 8, 2004, be recognized as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Michael R. Clement and to all Municipal

Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**MAR 18 2004**  
**READ AND PASSED**  
  
**PRES.**  
  
**CLERK** *ans*

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**MAYOR** 3/24/04

Council President Lombardi. Councilman Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilman Di Russo,  
Councilman Hensett, Igrizzi, Jackson, Liron, Mancini, Councilman Romo, Councilman Segal,  
William & Young



MARCH 2004



## NEWS DIGEST

# Proclamation

## 35th Annual Municipal Clerks Week

May 2 through May 8, 2004

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*Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.*

*Now, Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of \_\_\_\_\_, do recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2004, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, \_\_\_\_\_ and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.*

*Dated this day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2004*



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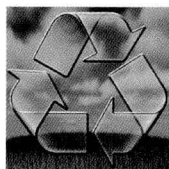
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# **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

*No.* 107

*Approved* March 24, 2004

WHEREAS, Rita A. Murphy began her service in city employment 21 years ago; and

WHEREAS, She began working for the Administrative Assistant to the City Council in 1983 as secretary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy has served the City Council for five and a half terms and with five Council Presidents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy held several leadership roles with increasing responsibility throughout her many years with the City Council Office, including her current position as Administrative Coordinator, which she has held since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy played an integral role in the first-ever expansion and reorganization of the Council Office, which allowed an increase from three staff members to nine staff members, and vastly improved services to the citizens of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Her achievements in the role of Administrative Coordinator to City Council are numerous, including the development of a department policy and procedure manual, which became a model for other city departments; the creation of additional staff positions within the Council Office, which now provide new services and greater flexibility for council members; and the implementation of a modernized citizens assistance tracking system, which other cities and towns in Rhode Island have now acquired, to name just a few; and

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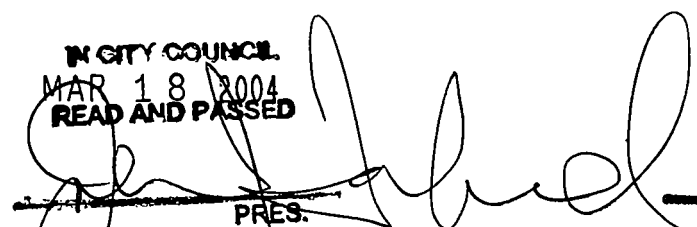
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WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy has instilled those qualities and a high level of professionalism in the Providence City Council staff; and


WHEREAS, Her good nature, kind and generous spirit, and unfailing commitment to the goals and success of each council member in their service to the citizens of Providence will be sorely missed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council do hereby extend their heartfelt gratitude to Rita A. Murphy for her uncompromising dedication, and wish her great success and good fortune in all her future endeavors.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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PRES.

  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
  
**MAYOR** 3/24/04

Resolution for March 18, 2004 by Council President John J. Lombardi (and entire council?)

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