

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 103

Approved March 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Robert J. D’Uva passed away on February 18th, 2021, after decades of service to the State of Rhode Island and to our city’s Italian American community; and

WHEREAS, Bob was born on June 22, 1948 and lived with his family on Webster Avenue in Providence; and

WHEREAS, After his family moved to Johnston, Bob attended Johnston Public Schools and later graduated from Roger Williams College with an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor’s Degree in American Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Bob launched his career in media with the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times and subsequently served in roles at WBRU radio, WHJJ and WHJY radio before returning to the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times where he became a visible and vital member of the Pawtuxet Valley Community; and

WHEREAS, Bob served two terms as the president of the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Bob’s service to the Italo-American organization Loggia Piave #364 earned him their 2007 Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, Bob served as the Director of the DaVinci Center for Community Progress on Charles Street in Providence; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Bob founded the *Rhode Island Echo*, a newspaper to capture the spirit and positive aspects of the state of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The *Rhode Island Echo* will publish its 100th edition in April 2021 and its success is a testament to Bob’s spirit, tenacity, and ability to see the best in people and in our community; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a longtime president of the Federal Hill Commerce Association and an energetic and unfailing advocate for local businesses and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Bob was deeply proud of his Italian heritage and was devoted to his family; and

WHEREAS, Bob is predeceased by his wife Suzi and survived by his brother Anthony Jr., his daughter Charlotte of Colorado, his daughter Elizabeth, her husband Andrew Choiniere and their children Stella and Leo, and his longtime girlfriend Yitee Tarr of Cranston; and

WHEREAS, Bob will be deeply missed in our community, and especially on Federal Hill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the legacy and memory of Robert J. D’Uva.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire D'Uva Family, as well as Bob's extended family and friends on Federal Hill and beyond.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 4 2021

READ AND PASSED

Sabina Mato
PRES.

Shawn Sellers
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

[Signature]
Mayor

Date: 3/11/21