

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 392

Approved November 25, 2020

WHEREAS, On November 12, 2020 Jorge Cardenas, the Director of Public Relations and Community Service for Sodexo, passed away; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardenas was a pillar of his community who impacted thousands of lives through his tireless work as a youth development advocate; and

WHEREAS, A native of Peru, Mr. Cardenas co-founded the Back to School Celebration of RI in 1999 with the goal of establishing an organization that would support parents involvement in the education of their children by creating an atmosphere of trust and open communication between schools, students, and families; and

WHEREAS, The Back to School Celebration of RI now provides 16,000 free backpacks and school supplies to students at twelve different sites throughout Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardenas was an initial national service pioneer in 1999 for the start up of AmeriCorps in Providence and he was instrumental in the development of Parents Making a Difference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardenas excelled in community outreach efforts including youth development, workforce training, and career readiness initiatives, and he was a leader for social justice and community opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Through his work Mr. Cardenas forged a reputation as a true youth development advocate, team player, colleague, valued friend, and role model who was an active member in his community that was always involved in helping and supporting other individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jorge Cardenas was an outstanding community activist that made Rhode Island a better place by bringing together businesses, community leaders and elected officials to work for the well-being of children, and he has left a lasting impression on the thousands of lives he impacted within the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the legacy and memory of Jorge Cardenas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Cardenas Family, as well as Jorge's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor  
Date: 11/25/20