

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 495

Approved September 14, 2001

WHEREAS, McGeary Littlejohn was born and raised in the City of Providence and attended the Providence Public School System, and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school McGeary Littlejohn enlisted into the armed forces and was sent to Vietnam for a tour of duty, and

WHEREAS, While in a fire fight McGeary Littlejohn was wounded in both legs in Vietnam, he had the chance to return home to his wife and three children, but stayed to finish out his tour, and while on a search and destroy mission, Specialist 4th Class McGeary Littlejohn was killed in action on December 5, 1966, and

WHEREAS, McGeary Littlejohn became the first African American killed in action in Vietnam from Rhode Island, and

WHEREAS, Some thirty years ago a memorial plaque with a picture of McGeary Littlejohn was rededicated in his memory in front of 202 Prairie Avenue where the Urban League OF Rhode Island and the Vietnam Veteran Center is housed, and

WHEREAS, During the month of August, 2001, McGeary Littlejohn's legacy was destroyed when it was vandalized and the plaque stolen from the monument by someone, and

WHEREAS, McGeary Littlejohn paid the ultimate sacrifice, and a warped minded person comes along and desecrates a beautiful and lovely monument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence Police Department and/or law enforcement agencies are requested to investigate the vandalism and desecration of that monument located on Prairie Avenue in front of the Urban League of Rhode Island Building and the Vietnam Veteran Center; said memorial plaque was that of Specialist 4th Class McGeary Littlejohn, who was the first African/American soldier killed in action from Providence, Rhode Island during the Vietnam War.

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

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MAYOR



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