

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 274

*Approved* June 9, 2005

WHEREAS, the City of Providence mourns the loss of one of the finest and most devoted citizens it has known in the 370 years since its founding, and expresses its deepest gratitude for the enormous gifts received from Frederick Lippitt; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C. in 1916, the son of U.S. Senator Henry F. Lippitt, the grandson of Governor Henry Lippitt, and the nephew of Governor Charles Lippitt, Fred Lippitt attended Yale University and Yale Law School; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt served his country in the Army in two wars: during World War II in the Philippines and Italy, earning the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, and during the Korean War, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel and the commanding officer of the Rhode Island National Guard 103<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery; and

WHEREAS, he rose to the top of his chosen field of law, serving twice as head of his firm's executive committee, and also served on the board of some of Rhode Island's largest institutions, including the Gorham Company, Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank, and the Providence Redevelopment Agency; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt served 22 years in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, ten of them as Minority Leader, where he championed a more effective and transparent state government, improved medical care for the elderly, and greater access to affordable housing for all Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, his unswerving belief in the transformative power of education led him to become the Head of the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, and to be awarded the President's Medal in 2004 for his service to Brown University, and to serve on the board of directors for the Rhode Island School of Design and the Annenberg Institute for School Reform; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to bettering the lives of less fortunate Providence and Rhode Island residents included support of the John E. Fogarty Foundation for the Mentally Retarded, the Boys and Girls Club of Providence, and the Southside Community Land Trust; and

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca,  
Councilwoman Albuzzi, Councilman Wassetz, Seglizzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini,  
Councilwoman Roman, Councilman Segal, Councilwoman Williams

WHEREAS, Fred Lippitt was also a leading steward of the natural treasures in Providence and Rhode Island, serving on the board of directors of the Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Lands, and leading the effort to raise funds to restore the Woonasquatucket River and Greenway; and

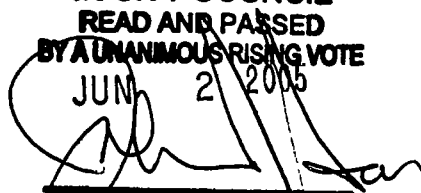
WHEREAS, the personal character of Fred Lippitt, which was defined by service, integrity, honor, and compassion, inspired a generation of Providence and Rhode Island residents, and provides a permanent model of exemplary public service.

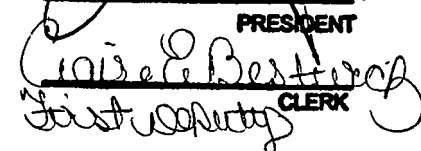
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That all Providence residents extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Lippitt family on the passing of Fred Lippitt. We bid farewell to a model citizen, tireless servant, and generous benefactor to the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That by passing this resolution at the initiation of Mayor David N. Cicilline, and with the support of the Providence City Council, Frederick Lippitt shall receive the courtesy designation of Honorary Mayor of Providence, posthumously;


AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge all City of Providence residents to join us in taking time to commemorate the life of a great man to whom we owe a great debt.

**IN CITY COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED  
BY A UNANIMOUS RISING VOTE  
JUN 2 2005**

  
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**PRESIDENT**

  
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**CLERK**

**APPROVE**

  
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**MAYOR**

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