

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 205*

**Approved May 8, 2024**

WHEREAS, The Tavares Brothers, also known throughout their illustrious career as Chubby and the Turnpikes and later as Tavares, originated from the vibrant Fox Point neighborhood of Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The family's journey began with the union of Flash and Albina Tavares in the early 1940s, marking the genesis of a musical legacy with the birth of their first child, Ralph Tavares, in Waterbury, Connecticut, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, The Tavares family, anchored by the matriarch Albina and patriarch Flash, nurtured their children's talents across multiple residences within Providence, most notably in the Fox Point neighborhood, before their eventual moves between Providence and New Bedford, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, The brothers' formative years were spent engaging in local community centers such as the Boys Club across from their home on South Main Street in Providence, where they honed their musical skills under the banner of Flash's Kids; and

WHEREAS, Through their perseverance and familial support, the brothers emerged on the musical scene, initially capturing local attention with their performances and compositions, which included notable hits penned by brother John "Funa" Baptiste like "I Don't Want To Be Love" and "Come On Let Me Try"; and

WHEREAS, Their talents were recognized by major music labels, leading to their signing with Capitol Records subsidiary, Cracker Jack, and marking the beginning of a national and international musical career that would bring great honor and recognition to the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The brothers, as Tavares, ascended to international fame with hits such as "Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel", "It Only Takes a Minute", and "More Than a Woman", the latter of which contributed to the legendary status of the "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack; and

WHEREAS, Beyond their musical achievements, the Tavares Brothers have remained a symbol of hope and success for many in the Providence community, exemplifying the possibilities that arise from dedication, talent, and community support; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the Tavares Brothers not only for their extraordinary contributions to the arts and culture but also for their role as ambassadors of the Providence community, sharing their music with the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its deepest appreciation and recognition to the Tavares Brothers for their remarkable achievements in music and their invaluable contributions to the cultural fabric of our city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence hereby honors the significant contributions of the Cape Verdean community by creating an honorary designation of Power Street, specifically at the corner of Power Street and South Main Street as Tavares Brothers Way; and

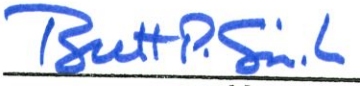
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of the Tavares Brothers as a token of our esteem and respect.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 02 2024

READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 5/8/2024