

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 281

Approved SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

WHEREAS, A resolution dedicating The William P. Armstrong Memorial Square was approved by the Providence City Council on May 20, 1946; and

WHEREAS, The William P. Armstrong Memorial Square was established at the intersection of Coddington and Cranston Streets; and

WHEREAS, During the period of 1960-1965, Coddington Street was eliminated in order to build a housing development; and

WHEREAS, The William P. Armstrong Memorial was removed and was never relocated; and

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2009, Flight Officer Armstrong was inducted into the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, As stated in the 1946 Council resolution, "This veteran of the Italian campaign, a product of our local schools, was a graduate of Tuskegee Flying School"; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame is honoring all Rhode Islanders who were members of the Tuskegee unit, the World War II African-American aviator's unit; and

WHEREAS, The 1946 Council resolution also states that Armstrong, "holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, was the only Providence resident of our all-colored Air Squadron"; and

WHEREAS, Flight Officer William P. Armstrong was shot down and killed over Austria on April 1, 1945 while serving as a fighter-pilot with the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group of the 15th Air Force; and

WHEREAS, As the City Council in 1946 deemed "his heroic sacrifice worthy of some lasting memorial," so does the City Council today recognize Flight Officer Armstrong's courageous service to his country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby rededicate the William P. Armstrong Memorial Square at the intersection of Cranston and Dodge Streets, in the immediate vicinity of the original memorial.

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 16 2010

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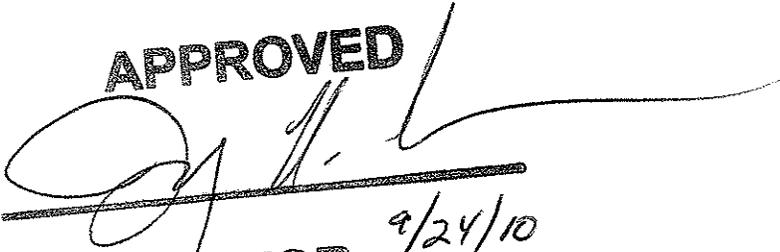


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MAYOR

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