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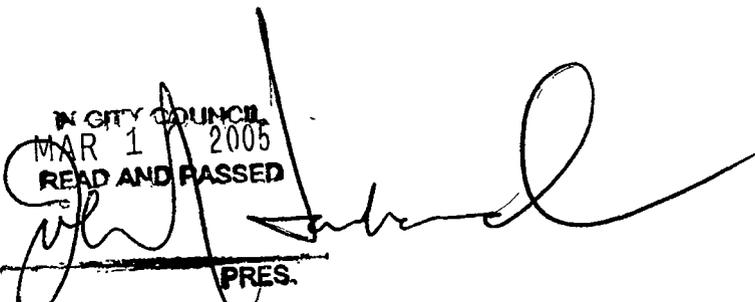
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 137

Approved March 23, 2005

RESOLVED, That the Member of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes to Dr. Pablo Rodriguez for a complete and speedy recovery.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 1 2005
READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK (cb)

APPROVED


3/23/05
MAYOR

Lawrence van der Brugge

Genrii Pavlovich Stambani, Lawrence van der Brugge, legal and

Council President John J. Lombardi

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10:21 AM EST on Tuesday, March 1, 2005

BY TOM MOONEY
Journal Staff Writer

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Journal file photo

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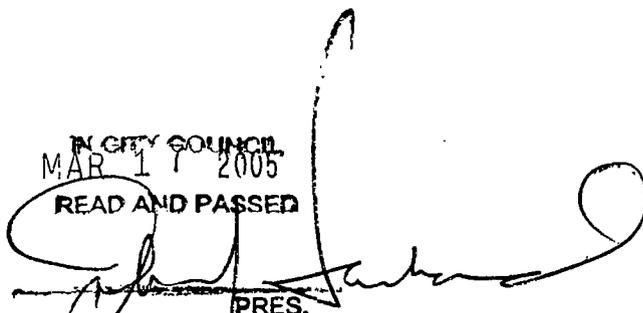
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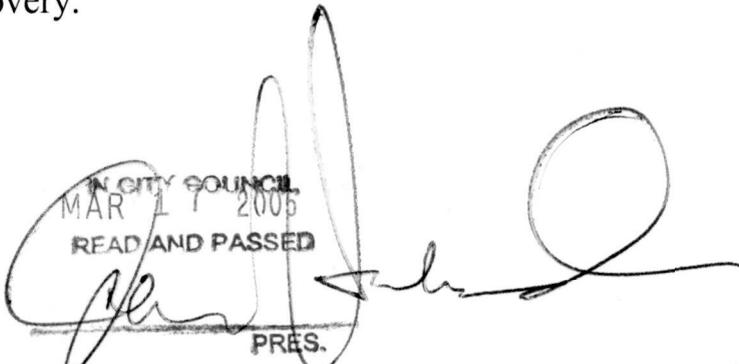
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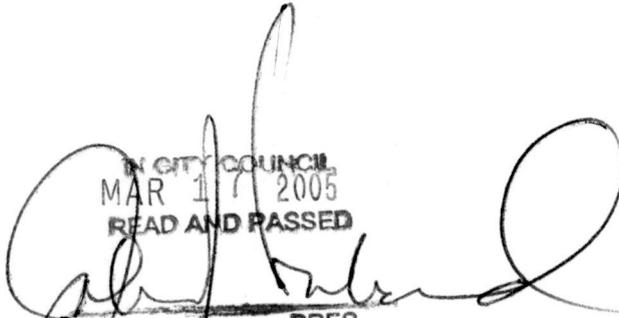
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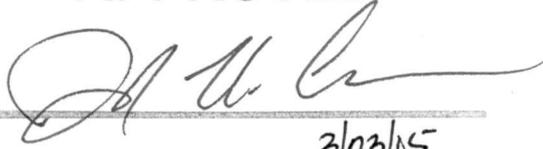
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