

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 45*

**Approved January 23, 2023**

WHEREAS, Francesco “Frank” Caprio was born in the Federal Hill neighborhood of Providence and is a proud product of the Providence Public Schools having graduated from Central High School where he won the state wrestling title in 1953; and

WHEREAS, He earned a bachelor's degree from Providence College, and after graduating, began teaching American government at Hope High School in Providence; and

WHEREAS, While teaching at Hope High School, Chief Judge Caprio attended the night school of the Suffolk University School of Law in Boston which subsequently led to him joining the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong dedicated public servant, Chief Judge Caprio was a member of the Providence City Council from 1962-1968; was elected as a Delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention in 1975; served as a Delegate to five Democratic National Conventions; served as chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education; and served in the National Guard from 1954 to 1962 in the 876th Combat Engineer Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Caprio has served as a Providence Municipal Court Judge since 1985 and has been re-appointed six times to the bench during that time period; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Caprio was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law by his alma mater Suffolk University Law School in 1991 and Providence College in 2008 in addition to an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of Rhode Island in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Frank Caprio’s legacy of dedicated public service to the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence deserves to be celebrated for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby renames the Municipal Court Room as the “Frank Caprio Court Room” in recognition of the Judge’s years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Director of the Department of Public Property, and Chief Judge Frank Caprio.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 19 2023  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 1/23/2023