

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 8

Approved January 15, 1982

RESOLVED, That the following Minute on the life and character of the late Ralph Fagnoli, Member of the Providence City Council from January 10, 1973, having served as Council President from January 3, 1979 to December 21, 1981, is hereby adopted, ordered inscribed on the records of this City Council and a duly certified copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

## M I N U T E

Ralph Fagnoli, a native of Providence was born on April 25, 1922, the son of Mrs. Mary Fagnoli and the late John Fagnoli.

Having received his formal education in public schools, he was a graduate of Roger Williams College and served his Country during World War II as an Army Engineer.

In 1946, he became President of Specialty Cleansers, Inc. working long hours with his wife and family, he developed his "shop" as he called it, into both a thriving business and a place for friends and neighbors to socialize and congregate. His fellow associates named him President of both the Rhode Island Dry Cleansers Association and the Rhode Island Fabric Care Association.

Ralph Fagnoli's vocal and tenacious opposition to the recent tax increase is reflective of his willingness to engage in public battle and endure public criticism on behalf of his Mount Pleasant constituents. These accomplishments have been recorded in newspaper headlines and film clips over the last eight years.

Yet, Ralph himself would take greater pride in his more menial and less public tasks as a City Councilman, because for him the business of politics was the business of people. He truly enjoyed being able to answer a request, settle a dispute, or solve a problem. Newspapers do not reflect these accomplishments and they are too numerous to be recorded here, but they are written in the hearts of a grateful constituency.

A devout husband and father, Ralph's devotion to his wife, Evelyn and their children John and MaryEllen, reared with love and pride was infinite.

With his passing, Ralph Fagnoli will be missed and mourned by his legions of friends and associates to whom he has bequeathed a wealth of fond and wonderful memories and may God, in his Wisdom, bestow upon Ralph Fagnoli, eternal rest and to his family, peace and tranquility.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED  
BY A UNANIMOUS RISING VOTE

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