

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 236

Approved March 26, 2018

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Jones was a beloved member and community activist in the Smith Hill community; and

WHEREAS, She was affectionately known as “Miss Jones” through her 40 years of work at Smith Hill Library; and

WHEREAS, As a librarian, she promoted cultural awareness, education, health issues, and advancement for marginalized groups and people of color via programming; and

WHEREAS, Two such programs she introduced were the “Keep Our Families Warm Campaign”, providing residents with seasonal winter clothing, and the “Children’s Christmas Party”, providing free toys, food, and fun, which still take place every year; and

WHEREAS, Miss Jones also taught Black History classes to generations of children in the library’s after-school program; and

WHEREAS, She was a tireless advocate for poor residents of Smith Hill, working with state and local politicians to help residents obtain better housing, access affordable health care and health education; and

WHEREAS, She served on the board of the Neighborhood Health Center for over 35 years, co-founded the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation, and co-founded CHIC, which worked with landlords and tenants to fix up buildings; and

WHEREAS, On January 31st, Miss Jones’ service to the community was honored at Providence City Hall with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame award; and

WHEREAS, Her lifetime achievements have also been recognized through the Jefferson Award and a place on the Providence College Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, She is survived by her sister Bessie Jones, her children Althea Graves, Anita Jones, Angela Jones, and Aaron Jones; and

WHEREAS, She is also survived by a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family across the United States; and

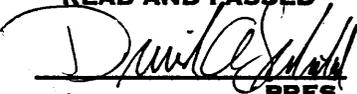
WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Jones passed away peacefully at the age of 83 on March 2, 2018 at Tockwotton on the Waterfront after a decade long battle with Alzheimer’s.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and remember the life and legacy of Mary Catherine Jones, a beloved member and community activist in Providence.

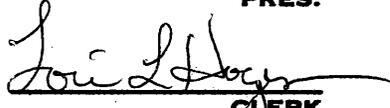
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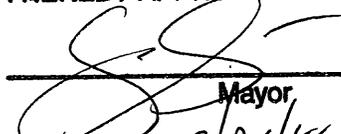


PRES.



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I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 3/26/18