

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 390

Approved October 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Private First-Class Carlo Lafazia, of Providence was born in 1897 to Italian immigrants Domenico and Filomena Lafazia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafazia was part of the 16th infantry regiment, one of the first American battalions to land on French soil in June of 1917; and

WHEREAS, A national hero, Mr., Lafazia was killed in France during World War I serving his country; and

WHEREAS, Although his body was never recovered, his name is engraved on the Tablets of the Missing at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 14,000 Americans who gave their lives in WWI; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafazia was called an “Emblem of Italian loyalty to the Stars and Stripes,” and was honored by the Providence Board of Alderman on August 3, 1933, when they dedicated the Lafazia square in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lafazia represents the dedication and selflessness that have come to define the men and women of our armed services, and is truly a Providence hero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby honor the life and legacy of Carlo Lafazia by establishing a ceremonial designation along Admiral Street running from Italy Street to Douglas Avenue as “Lafazia Way”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Department of Public Works work to manufacture, install, and maintain one or more honorary signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the “Lafazia Way” honorary designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and the Lafazia Family.

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 7 2021

READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

10/13/21