

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 240

Approved April 13, 2011

WHEREAS, Michael Stephens is a lifelong Rhode Island resident, having grown up on Kenwood Street in Providence; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Central High School in 1992; and

WHEREAS, He has served as Athletic Coordinator for the City of Providence for the last 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his employment with the City, he coached youth basketball at Davey Lopes Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, He helped found the Rhode Island Breakers AAU basketball program; and

WHEREAS, He is the President of the West Elmwood Intruders Youth Football Team; and

WHEREAS, Through his involvement in youth athletics, Michael Stephens has mentored and inspired countless inner-city children, providing them with the confidence and support needed to succeed on the court, in the classroom, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, He has refereed college basketball games for the Big East Conference for the past nine seasons; and

WHEREAS, This season, he officiated games involving ACC, A10, American East, Big Ten, CAA, Ivy League, MAAC, North East, Patriot League, and SEC teams; and

WHEREAS, He has officiated NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament games each of the last four years; and

WHEREAS, In each of the last three seasons, he was selected as a referee for Elite Eight games, including this year's Southeast Regional Final between the University of Florida and Butler University; and

WHEREAS, This season, the NCAA recognized his many years of excellence in officiating by selecting him to referee during the Men's Basketball Final Four.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby congratulate Michael Stephens on being selected to officiate during the 2011 Men's Basketball Final Four.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence thanks Mr. Stephens for his years of hard work and dedication to the children of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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