

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 78

Approved February 23, 2009

WHEREAS, The Colibri Group, a jewelry manufacturer based in East Providence, went into receivership on January 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2009, the company laid off 280 employees, including 250 Rhode Island residents; and

WHEREAS, Many of the former employees were not informed of the company's closing until they attempted to report to work the morning of the 20th; and

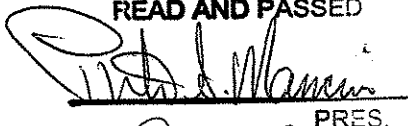
WHEREAS, Employees were only granted compensation through January 20th, with no severance pay or benefits; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires that 60 days of pay and benefits be provided to laid off workers.

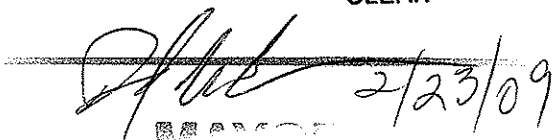
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence supports the 280 recently laid off former employees of The Colibri Group and their efforts to receive the 60 days of severance pay and benefits they are rightfully owed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption, a copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Jack Reed, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Congressman James Langevin, Attorney Allan Shine, and Greg Pehrson, Director of Fuerza Laboral.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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