

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 388

Approved September 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Mary Lee Smith was a long-time resident of Providence who departed her Earthly bonds on August 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, She graduated from Hope High School, and upon graduation, she attended Rhode Island College and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Urban Studies; and

WHEREAS, She led a life committed to public service and was a true child of the social activism movement that arose out of the turmoil of the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, She was an active voice in her community, and very active in the local political scene in Providence and the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, She was a former member of the Providence School Committee, the Rhode Island Board of Education, Black Political Outreach Committee, the 11th Ward Committee, the Public Health Safety Advisory Committee, and was part of the leadership team of the South Providence Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, She was admired and respected by all who knew her, particularly for her historical knowledge of the civil rights movement locally; and

WHEREAS, She was a tireless advocate for the residents of Roger Williams Housing, the Southside community, and Oasis International; and

WHEREAS, She was an Administrative Assistant and Grant Writer at Oasis International until recently when her health would no longer allow her to do so; and

WHEREAS, She was the loving mother and mother-in-law of Theodore and Natalina Smith and Moriba and Kendra Smith; and

WHEREAS, She was a doting grandmother to her four grandchildren, Kali Smith of Providence, Kalasia Smith of North Carolina, Deja Clark and Nadia Smith of New Hampshire; and

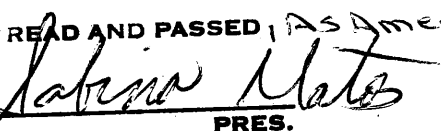
WHEREAS, She was the loving sister of Maxine Smith, Eva Simmons, and William Smith, and was predeceased by her sister Brenda Winston.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and remember the life and legacy of Ms. Mary Lee Smith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Smith Family and Ms. Smith's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

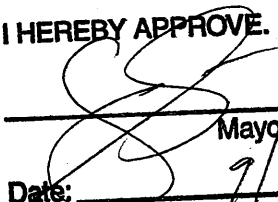
IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED, As Amended

PRES.


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 9/9/19