

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 240

Approved MAY 13, 1996

WHEREAS, At 2:00 o'clock P.M. on Sunday, May 5, 1996, the Main Post Office in Providence will be dedicated as the Harry Kizirian Post Office Building, and

WHEREAS, On that day, General Charles Krulak, the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps will be in Rhode Island to help dedicate the Post Office to Rhode Island's most decorated Marine, a true Hero and, a Rhode Island Legend, and

WHEREAS, Harry Kizirian was born in Providence on July 13, 1925, a son of Toras and Horopig Kizirian who came to the United States from Govdoon, Armenia in the early 1920's, and

WHEREAS, While attending Providence's Mount Pleasant High School, Harry joined the Post Office as a part time worker and, upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS, While serving his Country during World War II, Harry became known to thousands of Americans as a symbol of the tough fighting in the Pacific. On Easter Sunday morning in 1945, Harry Kizirian landed in Okinawa to spend the next ninety (90) days fighting the Japanese, in the process winning the Navy Cross--second only to the Medal of Honor, and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Harry married Hazel Serabian of New York and they had five children; two sons, Thomas and Richard and three daughters, Joanne, Janice and Shahay, and

WHEREAS, Earlier in that year, Harry returned to the Post Office where he was appointed as a substitute Clerk and, a short time later, he was named Foreman. This was the first of several promotions culminating in his appointment as Postmaster of the City of Providence where he brought the Post Office into a New Era by coordinating the needs of the Post Office in a new generation of automation, and

WHEREAS, On this day, it is with appropriate recognition and great pride that the Members of the Providence City Council and the Citizens of the City of Providence recognize Harry Kizirian for his heroism, leadership, devotion to the community and loyalty not only to his immediate family, but to his "Post Office Family" whom he loved and served passionately for so many years,

Council President Pollock, Councilors Allen Clark, Al Fox, Councilman Dr. Perry,
Boggs, Councilman Blum, Floyd Nelson, Lander, Merwin, Councilman Peter,
Councilman Pollock, Councilman Sullivan and Young

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Council President James A. Petrosinelli, Council President Pro Tempore Evelyn V. Fagnoli and the Members of the Providence City Council do hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Harry Kizirian and his family on this memorable day and as we each pass by the Harry Kizirian Post Office Building, we will be proud to say that there is no truer public servant than Harry Kizirian and for that, we say "Che no ra ga Ank!"

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2 1996
READ AND PASSED
Evelyn V. Fagnoli
ACTING PRES.
Michael R. Clement
CLERK

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MAY 13 1996
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MAYOR