

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 76

Approved February 26, 2021

WHEREAS, Robert Palazzo has been a member of the Classical High School Athletic Department for over 29 years, serving as the track and field coach; and

WHEREAS, As the head coach of the track and field program at Classical, Mr. Palazzo has won 300 dual meets and 59 Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) Class B state and divisional championships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palazzo has mentored four national track and field champions, 47 individual state champions, 18 New England champions, 30 all-Americans and one national record-holder in track and field; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a five-time Rhode Island Track Coaches Association (RITCA) Coach of the Year and a member of both the RITCA and Classical High School Hall of Fame, Mr. Palazzo was recently recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) as the 2020 Track and Field Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The NFHS awards program has been held since 1982 and recognizes coaches in the top 10 girls sports and top 10 boys sports (by participation numbers), and in two "other" sports - one for boys and one for girls - that are not included in the top 10 listings; and

WHEREAS, Through his tireless dedication to the athletics community of Classical High School as well as the State of Rhode Island with his over 26 years of service as an executive board member of the Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Mr. Palazzo could not be more deserving of such a prestigious national honor; and

WHEREAS, Robert Palazzo's unyielding commitment to improving the lives of his athletes, as well as athletes across the State of Rhode Island, serves an example for all to follow on what it truly means to be a pillar of one's community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby congratulate Robert Palazzo on receiving the National Federation of State High School Associations 2020 Track and Field Coach of the Year Award.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 18 2021

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor
Date: 2/26/21