

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

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RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER GILL
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(q)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

IN MEMORIAM

FLORENCE CHIEGO RUSSO

WHEREAS, Florence Chiego Russo, formerly of Montclair, New Jersey, is being remembered upon her passing from this life on Sunday, April 5, 2020, at Brookdale Senior Living in West Orange, New Jersey, at the age of 100, one week shy of her 101st birthday; and

WHEREAS, Florence Chiego Russo, affectionately called "Flo" was born on April 12, 1919, in the City of Newark, New Jersey. She grew up in the old First Ward of Newark and was active in St. Lucy's Church. She was a graduate and enthusiastic alumna of Barringer High School, class of 1937; and

WHEREAS, Florence Chiego Russo grew up in a large family of 10 brothers and sisters, of which she was the last surviving sibling. She married the late Rocco Russo of Nutley, and together they raised their children Robert, Richard, John, and Anne Marie; and

WHEREAS, Florence Chiego Russo's world revolved around her husband's business in Newark, *Robert Russo & Sons Beverages*, which operated all over the city and throughout Essex County. She served with distinction within the General Instrument Company during World War II and she was a valued employee of the United States Post Office and the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's death in the early nineties, Florence Chiego Russo moved to Montclair. Her son Robert went on to serve as the First Ward Councilor and then as Mayor. While in Montclair, she became active in St. Cassian Roman Catholic Church and she has generously given her time and energy as a member of the Women's Club of Upper Montclair and St. Vincent's Nursing Home Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Florence Chiego Russo was a long-time resident of the Bellaire House condominiums where she made many good friends over the last 25 years. She loved to sit by the pool and tell stories of her wonderful family and years in Newark and Nutley prior to settling in Montclair. She also spent many summer vacations at the Jersey Shore in Monmouth County. Her positive attitude, great smile and voice were uplifting to all who knew her and her incredible life spanned the administration of eighteen United States Presidents; and

WHEREAS, Florence Chiego Russo is survived by her sons, Robert (former Montclair Mayor and current Councilmember) and wife, Christine, Richard and wife, Nicole, John and wife, Joanna; daughter, Anne Marie, and husband, Theodore; and grandchildren, Stephen, Christopher, Michael and Jessica; as well as extended family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Florence Chiego Russo, and offers their heartfelt condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Florence Chiego Russo.

Approved as to form and legality _____

Michael J. ...
Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder _____
Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					POMARES				
GRAHAM					RICHARDSON, V.P.	✓			
JOHNSON					SEBOLD				
LUCIANO									
MERCADO					GILL, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Brendan W. Gill, President