

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#31

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

JOSEPH SURIANO

WHEREAS, Joseph Suriano of West Orange, New Jersey, is being remembered upon his passing from this life on Friday, April 10, 2020, at the age of 73 of complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Suriano was a legendary Track Coach and beloved West Orange High School English Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Suriano was the loving son of Carmella Suriano and the late Joseph Suriano Sr., and grew up in West Orange, New Jersey. He began working as an English teacher in 1969. As a 1965 State champion in the 100-yard dash and an All-American in Track, he translated his passion into coaching beginning in 1971; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his legendary career, Joseph Suriano coached five All-Americans and three athletes meeting Olympic Team standards. Under his leadership, the West Orange High School (WOHS) track team won seven league championships. He was also named All-Area Coach of the Year 16 times, League Coach of the Year eight times and Essex County Coach of the Year twice. He was named Essex County Retired Coach of the Year in 2015, was honored by the West Orange Township Council in 2016 and established the Suriano Family Scholarship along with the West Orange Scholarship Fund. In addition to his career as a coach, he was also named Teacher of the Year three times; and

WHEREAS, as a lasting tribute to Joseph Suriano, the Suriano Stadium at West Orange High School was named in his honor. He retired after 46-years of dedicated service to the West Orange School District in January 2016. A special surprise send-off was organized by his daughters Stephanie and Nicole, both educators in West Orange; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Suriano leaves behind his wife of 50 years Marlene (Melillo) Suriano; daughters Stephanie Suriano, Nicole Suriano-Postiglione and her husband Joseph Jr.; and granddaughters Avery and Dylan. He is also survived by many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Joseph Suriano, and offers their heartfelt condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joseph Suriano.

Approved as to form and legality Michael J. Peralta
 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