

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

June 16, 2020

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TITLE:

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MAYOR CARMINE E. CAPONE (Sponsored by Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams on the Orange Municipal Council).

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township, New Jersey mourns the passing of **Mayor Carmine E. Capone**; and

WHEREAS, we come together during this time of sadness to pay tribute to and celebrate the life of **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** who was a vital and central force in his family and valued member of the community; and

WHEREAS, **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** was born and raised in Orange, New Jersey, to the late Carmine and Olympia Capone. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1948 as a radar operator and was awarded the World War II victory medal and the Navy Occupation medal. He went on to own and run a family business in Roseland, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** launched his political career in 1967 as a candidate for a North Ward council seat in the City of Orange against incumbent Joseph Stellato. He had finished second in the May election, but defeated Stellato in a runoff. After nine years as a councilman, he was elected Mayor of the City of Orange in 1976, defeating incumbent Joel Shain. He served as the Mayor of Orange for 13 years with distinction; and


WHEREAS, after Essex County passed a Charter Change referendum that created a county executive form of government, **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** became the Republican candidate for District 4 freeholder in 1978 but Lorryne (Renee) Lane prevailed in winning the seat; and

WHEREAS, **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** also held a series of top appointed posts, including Essex County Administrator under County Executive Nicholas R. Amato from 1987 to 1991. He was Essex County Public Works Director, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Deputy Director of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs and Deputy Director of the State Division of Local Government Services under Governor Tom Kean, and a member of the Essex County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** entered into eternal life on June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, **Mayor Carmine E. Capone** was predeceased by his sister, Loretta Piro, and his brother, Joe Capone. He is survived by his: wife, Marie Capone (Perruso); sons, Mark Capone and Gary Capone; daughter, Pam Rafanello; grandchildren, Nicholas, Michael, Jamie, Lucas, and Tahlia; brother, Anthony Capone; sister, Anna Ippolito; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Capone; and a host of other friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Orange Township do hereby offer sincere condolences to the family of **Mayor Carmine E. Capone**. May the warm memories bring joy and comfort in the days ahead.

*Valeria Paronment on behalf
of the City Attorney*




BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council urges residents, following the passage of this Resolution to do random acts of kindness towards other in the memory of **Mayor Carmine E. Capone**

Adopted:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President