

# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## IN CITY COUNCIL

September 15<sup>th</sup>

### **RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH DAVIS COSTA ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Ruth Davis Costa was born on September 03, 1916, in Spotsylvania, Virginia and grew up in Summit, Virginia with her parents John and Amanda Davis and her twelve siblings; and

**WHEREAS**, Of the thirteen children born to John and Amanda Davis, there were three sets of twins, which included Ruth and her twin brother, Ralph, Ruth is the last surviving child; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruth Davis moved to Princeton, New Jersey, when she was a teenager to take care of one of her ailing sisters, where she met and befriended Albert Einstein, who was at the time teaching at Princeton University; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Einstein would take his daily stroll by Ruth's sister's house on Leigh Avenue and would eventually become a friend and a mentor to her throughout the 1930's; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1940, Ruth Davis met Manuel E. Costa Sr., in Princeton New Jersey, and they married in Bel Air, Maryland in 1941; and

**WHEREAS**, The Costas moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts, later that year and resided in the South End of the City for four decades, they also for a time during the 1940's, lived at Fort Benning, Georgia, where Manuel was stationed in the Army and where Ruth became a champion equestrian; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruth and Manuel Costa had two children, Manuel "Butch" E. Costa, Jr., and Jeanne M. Costa, five grandchildren, Susan Whyte Saunders, Michelle Costa Tavares, Manuel E. Costa III, Mathew Costa, and Mandi Costa and six great-grandchildren, Bishop Saunders, Roman Saunders, Madison Tavares, Avery Tavares, Mathew Costa, Nina Costa; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruth Davis Costa currently resides on Union Street in New Bedford with her daughter Jeanne:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **RUTH DAVIS COSTA ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**, congratulates her on a long well lived life and wishes her continued health and happiness.