

City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

March 25, 2021

The Honorable City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications at a Meeting held on Tuesday, March 09, 2021, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Giesta, Abreu, Carney, Gomes, Lima, Morad and Markey, requesting, that the City Council, through its' Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, work closely with the New Bedford School Committee and City administration to properly honor and celebrate the life, public service and achievements of the late Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., LPD, with specific consideration given to re-dedicating one of the three New Bedford Middle Schools in Mayor Kalisz's name due to these schools being the first new City school buildings to be successfully constructed in almost 30 years as a result of the unrelenting leadership and guidance of Mayor Kalisz, who charted a course of action with the goal of improving the quality of education for every New Bedford student and succeeded in reaching this goal which now stands as an important part of our City's history and a remarkable achievement; and whereby it would be a fitting way for New Bedford to honor the life, public service, memory and legacy of its' leader in that historic endeavor by re-dedicating one of these schools in the name of Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.) (Ref'd 02/11/2021)

On motion by Councillor Lima and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to request the School Committee to explore the feasibility of naming or renaming a public school building or facility after the late Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 4, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu, yes; Baptiste, yes; Carney, yes and Lima, yes.

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Councillor Ian Abreu, Chairman

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