

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL

July 21, 2022

RESOLUTION HONORING FELICIANO VIERRA “FLASH” TAVARES
PATRIARCH OF THE MUSICAL TAVARES FAMILY

WHEREAS, Feliciano Tavares was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on October 29, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Feliciano Tavares was a self-taught musician who learned by listening to the radio and Cape Verdean music at an early age; and

WHEREAS, The Father of all 5 members of the musical singing group Tavares, whose hits included “It Only Takes a Minute” and “Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel”, Feliciano Tavares advocated for traditional Cape Verdean music, Blues and Soul; and

WHEREAS, During his long career, Feliciano Tavares led many musicians; Tony Pires, Jimmy Barros, Skeeter Santos, Richard Cruz, Pete Antunes, Mikey Cabral, Tanas, Young Cut Soares, Nick Viera, Old Cut Antone Tony Cardoza, Eddy Santos, Antone Toi Monteiro, Charlie Gomes, sister Vickie Vierra Tavares on vocals, Johnny Duarte, Eddy Santos, Johnny Correa, David Moe Garcia, all members of his bands over the years; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Hyannis, Massachusetts, Feliciano Tavares was considered to be an influential cultural figure within the Cape Verdean community in Rhode Island and Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Feliciano Tavares remained active within the musical community well into his 80s, and traveled to Cape Verde, performing solo until he was 84 years old; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Feliciano Tavares and his sister, singer Vicki Vierra, were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Cape Verdean Museum in East Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Following his death in 2008, it was noted that Feliciano Vierra “Flash” Tavares inspired a lot of kids to play music and kept the Cape Verdean musical heritage alive:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors the Memory of Musician, Singer, Guitarist, **FELICIANO VIERRA “FLASH” TAVARES PATRIARCH OF THE MUSICAL TAVARES FAMILY** – May you rest in peace.

Given this 30th Day of June in the Year 2022 to the Family of **FELICIANO VIERRA “FLASH” TAVARES**.

Offered by:

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