

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 25, 2023

RESOLUTION HONORING ANTONE “CHUBBY” TAVARES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Antone “Chubby” Tavares, the group’s founder and maker of the world renowned singing group known as Tavares, have been an inspiration to millions of fans from New Bedford, Massachusetts, to across this world; and

WHEREAS, Chubby Tavares and his brothers group were bonded by a rich family of love and brotherhood, a legacy of musical talent going back to their dad Feliciano “Flash” Tavares one of the greatest Cape Verdean musician that set the foundation for the group with his musical talent; and

WHEREAS, When Antone “Chubby” Tavares, started the group in 1959, with two friends Benny and George Duarte, drummer Paul Joya and rhythm guitar player John Fortes, they were called Chubby and the Realities; and

WHEREAS, Chubby kept adding his brothers to the group until they became known as Chubby and the Turnpikes, only years later to become what is known today in the United States, and around the world, Tavares; and

WHEREAS, Antone Chubby Tavares, who has thrilled the people of his hometown of New Bedford, the Commonwealth, the United States of America, and the World, for the past 64 years; has decided to retire, and in his own words, he stated “that it’s been an amazing ride and whatever time the good Lord has given to me, will be spent with my family”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council, and the citizens of the City of New Bedford, thanks **ANTONE “CHUBBY” TAVARES** for the decades of music and dance wishing him good health and good fortune during his retirement years:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Resolution is presented to **ANTONE “CHUBBY” TAVARES** on the 14th day of May 2023 with wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Offered by:

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

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