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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JEFF ROGERS

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston mourns the passing of Jeff Rogers, a cherished member of our community, who departed on September 7, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of wisdom and compassion; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Jeff Rogers, lovingly known as “The Professor,” served as an executive and leadership coach, trainer, and facilitator, specializing in the Solution-Focused Method and Radical Candor, working with diverse groups to foster transformation, trust, and shared vision; *and*
- WHEREAS,** His career began in behavioral health at the Children’s Services of Roxbury, the largest Black Community Service Agency in Massachusetts, where he designed and led training programs that laid the foundation for his life’s work; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Jeff went on to coach across nonprofit, private, government, and academic institutions, including YW Boston’s LeadBoston program, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation’s Racial Justice in Health program, the Boston Federal Reserve’s LELE program, GenUnity, the Barr Foundation Fellowship, Root Cause, and the Lenny Zakim Fund; *and*
- WHEREAS,** He also taught nonprofit leadership at the Harvard Extension School, coached MBA students at Harvard Business School, and inspired leaders nationally and internationally; Furthermore, Jeff was a dedicated employee at The Flagship Clubhouse, where his mentorship, humor, and storytelling created inclusive, supportive spaces for colleagues and youth alike; *and*
- WHEREAS,** He was a co-founder of Hella Black Trivia, and a proud member of Boston While Black, where his warmth and presence elevated events such as the How to BWB Summit; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Friends and loved ones remember Jeff as a rare talent for making sense of complexity, distilling life’s challenges into clarity, and inspiring trust and transformation in all who crossed his path leaving an irreplaceable void, however his legacy will endure through the the many lives and organizations he transformed; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, pauses to honor and memorialize the life and legacy of Jeff Rogers, a gifted storyteller, cultural steward, and mentor, whose contributions will continue to resonate in the City of Boston and beyond; and be it further, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to his family and community in testimony of the City of Boston’s enduring respect and gratitude.