

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A HERO SQUARE AT THE INTERSECTION OF STRATFORD AND KENNETH STREETS IN WEST ROXBURY IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM RODDY

WHEREAS, William Andrew Roddy, son of Luke and Mary Ellen Roddy, was born in 1923 and resided in Boston. He served in the Navy during World War II; *and*

WHEREAS, On May 29, 1944 Seaman 2nd Class Roddy was among the 16 killed while aboard the U.S.S. Barr, which was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine; *and*

WHEREAS, The U.S.S. Barr was ultimately towed to Boston and was converted into an auxiliary high speed transport and re-entered into service in the Pacific theater, and was decommissioned in 1946; *and*

WHEREAS, Roddy had a brother, Thomas Michael Roddy, who was also killed in action in World War II. On November 13, 1942, Lt. Thomas Roddy was killed during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal when his ship, the U.S.S. Juneau, was sunk. A Hero Square will also be designated at the same intersection for Lt. Roddy.; *and*

WHEREAS, William was the recipient of a Purple Heart and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal Captain; *and*

WHEREAS, He was survived by parents Luke and Mary Ellen Roddy and three siblings: Luke, Jim and Charles. His relatives currently reside in West Roxbury; **NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors the tremendous sacrifice endured by Seaman 2nd Class William A. Roddy on behalf of the United States of America by designating a Hero Square at the intersection of Stratford and Kenneth streets, in the West Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts.

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