

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA, BREADON,  
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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CITIZEN SQUARE AT THE INTERSECTION OF FAYWOOD AVENUE AND CRESTWAY ROAD IN EAST BOSTON IN RECOGNITION OF ROCCO TELESE

- WHEREAS,** Rocco Telese is the eldest living member of Beachmont VFW Post 6712 and the post's last surviving World War II veteran. He served valiantly in the United States Army with the 339th Infantry Regiment, known as the "*Polar Bears*," under the 85th Infantry Division. His unit played a pivotal role in the Italian Campaign, engaging in combat along the Gustav and Gothic Lines—operations that were critical to the Allied victory in Europe; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Telese is an ambassador of the memory of the "*Gustav Line*" that crossed the territory of Tremensuoli and he, together with his comrades in arms, were deployed on the front line against the Nazis in May 1944; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Upon returning home, Rocco dedicated his life to his family and the East Boston community. He remained active in veterans' affairs, embodying the values of patriotism, humility, and civic responsibility. His life is a testament to the spirit of the "*Greatest Generation*"; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This Citizen Square serves not only as a lasting tribute to Rocco Telese's service but also as a permanent symbol of East Boston's deep gratitude for those who have served our great country. Due to the urgent need for immediate action, an emergency declaration is hereby necessary to expedite the filing and consideration of this order; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council designate a Citizen Square at the intersection of Faywood Avenue and Crestway Road in East Boston in honor of Rocco Telese, a lifelong resident of East Boston, a decorated World War II veteran, and an extraordinary member of our community.

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