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**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF FORMER MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

WHEREAS: Mayor Thomas M. Menino was born and raised in the neighborhood of Hyde Park. Mayor Menino was a loving husband to Angela Faletta Menino and father to Susan Menino Fenton and Tom Menino Jr. and grandfather to Olivia, Giulia, Will, Taylor, Samantha, and Thomas; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Menino was a dedicated life-long public servant who served as the 53rd Mayor and the longest serving mayor of the City of Boston, in office from 1993 until 2014. Mayor Menino also served as a member the Boston City Council from 1984 until 1993, including as the City Council President; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Menino's dedication and commitment to the residents of the City of Boston was shown constantly throughout his work and his personal life; and

WHEREAS: Additionally Alice Hennessey was Mayor Menino's longtime mayoral aide and friend. Alice was known for her work with combatting homelessness and social justice issues. Alice was a dedicated public servant and community activist; and

WHEREAS: In efforts to increase parks, green and open space, Mayor Menino collaborated with Alice Hennessey and designated her with leading the audacious project to reclaim Gardner Street Landfill, with soil excavated from the Big Dig in 1994; and

WHEREAS: Opened on December 7, 2000, Millenium Park is an 100 acre urban park in West Roxbury and contains conservation land, 25 acres of sports fields, children's play areas, and a canoe launch on the Charles River; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council, hereby assembled, honors and recognizes Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Alice Hennessey for their significant contributions to the City of Boston by changing the name of Millenium Park to the "Mayor Thomas M. Menino Park"; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council also recommends that the park's playground be named the "Alice Hennessey Playground.

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