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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EDWARD JOSEPH SOARES'S AND RALPH BROWN'S CHESS GAMES

- **WHEREAS,** Edward Joseph Soares was a businessman in Roxbury and Ralph Brown was a businessman in Dorchester, whereby Edward Soares sold scented musk oil and other novelties at Dudley Station on Washington Street and Ralph Brown sold hubcaps by Franklin Field on Blue Hill Ave; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Edward Soares and Ralph Brown were community leaders, with Edward Soares holding his Missionary and Evangelist Credentials and Ralph Brown holding the honor of being a Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** Both Edward Soares and Ralph Brown always had a chess game set up for neighborhood entertainment and community space; *and*
- **WHEREAS,** These chess sets drew many players out and helped develop new players throughout Roxbury and Dorchester; *and*
- WHEREAS, Many of these players became "A" players, "Expert" players, "Master" players, and "International Master" players, including: Eleanor Humphrey; Oscar Taylor, Jr.; Kenny Brown; Norman Hodge; Karl G. Winslow; Barry R. Barry; William Dottin; Andrew Roberts; Francis C. Hector; Najee Hasan; Charles E. Sullivan; Jonathan L. Jackson; Frederick Hicks; Michael Gallonap, Jr.; Raymond A. Gray; Danny L. Disolo, Sr.; John F. Brisbun; Rosco Wedgeworth; William M. Howard, Sr.; Stephan Lewis; Ollin G. Bryant; Michael Gray; Mitchell B. Davis; Robert B. Smith; Sidney A. Jones; Philip M. Mitchell, Jr.; Rupert A. Leonard, Sr.; Douglas Pendarvis; Robert Vaughn; Warren R. Johnson; Robert O. Sullivan; James F. Campbella; Darryl Alleyne; Bobby Lee Singleton; Claude Curry; Gaylord Knight; Mike Bentley; and Harold Dean Lawton; and
- **WHEREAS,** Edward Soares and Ralph Brown not only provided community gathering spaces and entertainment for residents, but also improved the quality of life throughout Dorchester, Roxbury, and beyond; *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- **RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council proudly recognizes the contributions of Edward Joseph Soares and Ralph Brown to building a more engaged, energized, connected community.

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