

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Ray Taurasi has 30 dedicated years of meritorious service within the health care industry and hospitals located in the City of Boston including 19 years at the Beth Israel Deaconess

Medical Center. Throughout his tenure at the medical center, Ray has served the City, the

medical community and its citizens with integrity, excellence and honor; AND

WHEREAS: Ray Taurasi has been an innovative and cutting edge leader in his field. He has brought

talent and distinction to the hospital along with national recognition for his progress creating, developing and implementing the first and only accredited educational program in sterilization technology in the City & the Commonwealth. Due to his efforts, hundreds of highly trained technical & professional personnel exist in Boston today, which is considered

the finest health care system in the nation; AND

WHEREAS: Ray Taurasi's mission and willingness to provide additional education and training

opportunities reached far beyond the institution's walls. He served the youth in the Boston Public School system, as a mentor & councilor to the Pro-tech Health Career Development Program for high school students. He also offered his valued experience by enhancing the development of Human Resources to employees of the City's Health & Human Services

Cabinet; AND

WHEREAS: Ray Taurasi has distinguished his career in the healthcare industry by also contributing his

knowledge to outside organizations such as the Dimock Health & Vocational Training Program, as a member of their Educational Advisory Council, by offering education and job skills training for unemployed City residents and welfare recipients. He also participated in many professional societies as an elected official and board member on various local, state,

national and international levels; AND

WHEREAS: Ray Taurasi was a key organizer establishing the first declaration of Hospital Central Service

Week in Boston and Massachusetts. He worked tirelessly to provide the facts on public health issues facing society today including ecological, social, youth services, school health

safety and AIDS education; AND

WHEREAS: Ray Taurasi embraced the philosophy of former Boston Mayor James Michael Curley "Vote

early and often" and used that slogan when he ran and won a Board of Health position in the Town of Needham. As an elected official, Ray is always sharing his knowledge and expertise as needed, serving as Vice Chair of the Health Board and as an active member of many town committees and task forces. Due to his visionary abilities, he allowed our City to be ready as we move into the 21st Century. He has dedicated countless hours promoting the

overall improvement of public health in our City; Now Therefore Be It

PROCLAMED: I, Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston, do hereby proclaim June 11th, 1998 as

Ray Taurasi Appreciation Day

in the City of Boston and I urge all my fellow Bostonians to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual for his many contributions to Boston and wish him well in his new

career.

Mayor of Boston

