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Frank J. Guarini is an inspiring public servant whose valor, integrity, professionalism, and commitment to the general welfare greatly enhanced the quality of life of Hudson County residents and residents across the State of New Jersey.

Frank J. Guarini was born on August 20, 1924, in Jersey City where he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1942. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served aboard the USS Mount McKinley during World War II and earning the rank of Lieutenant at the completion of his service in 1946. He returned home and

attained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1947 and his law degree from New York University School of Law in 1950. After being admitted to the New Jersey Bar Association in 1951, he began practicing in Jersey City while pursuing graduate work at The Hague Academy of International Law and New York University Law where he earned a Master of Laws degree in 1955.

Frank J. Guarini served as General Counsel of the New Jersey Bar Association, was a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and subsequently elected Fellow of the American Bar Association while running his firm Guarini & Guarini, LLC out of Jersey City with his father. He initiated the successful suit in the U.S. Supreme Court against the State of New York to return 90% of Ellis Island to the sovereignty of New Jersey in a highly contested case between both states. During this time, he successfully challenged the entrenched political machine of Frank "I am the law" Hague and initiated the Mayor and City Council model; a check and balances approach seen across municipalities in New Jersey.

Frank J. Guarini was elected to the New Jersey State Senate in 1966 where he was a member of the Appropriations, Transportation and Environmental committees during his two terms. He was the prime sponsor of the first enacted air and water pollution laws in the state which established the Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). He is responsible for organizing the preservation efforts of the Hudson County Court House and arranged for its designation as a National Historic Monument while securing funding to restore the building and naming it in honor of Justice William J. Brennan.

Frank J. Guarini was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979 where he served 7 terms on the Ways and Means committee. He played a pivotal role in revising the laws on taxes and trade and completely revised the Internal Revenue Code in 1986. He was an outspoken advocate for fiscal responsibility and fought to provide educational and job opportunities for our youth and minorities. As a member of Congress, he served on numerous Congressional trade missions in each continent where he promoted closer trade relations with all sovereign nations under the message that trade is "the currency of peace". He was selected by his peers to serve as a delegate to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and was present at the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Frank J. Guarini received numerous honors and awards in recognition for his outstanding community and public service, including the following: renaming of the New Jersey City University library and the Jersey City Main Post Office in his honor, designation of a campus in John Cabot University in Rome as the Frank J. Guarini campus, dedication of the Frank J. Guarini School of Business and Guarini Institute for Government and Leadership at St. Peter's University and dedication of the newly constructed Hudson County Justice Complex; receiving an honorary doctorate from the following universities: Dartmouth College, St. Peter's University, John Cabot University, New Jersey

City University, Inje University and Georgian Court University; he received recognition for his international work from Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, was a recipient of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta – Knight of Malta.

Frank J. Guarini pioneered major real estate developments in Hudson County such as Columbus Towers Corporations in Jersey City, One and Two Journal Square, Three Journal Square Plaza and the Charles Schwab Corporate Office Building in Jersey City.

Frank J. Guarini, through his philanthropic efforts, is designated as a Citizen of the World. To date, he has donated countless millions to various educational institutions in pursuit of expanding educational opportunities to future generations. He has donated over \$10 million to St. Peter's University, over \$10 million to Dartmouth College, over \$20 million to New York University and over \$1 million to John Cabot University in Rome, Italy. His charitable efforts extend beyond monetary contributions when he donated a parcel of land to the County of Hudson as it began pursuing its efforts in constructing a new judicial complex. His unwavering generosity to his fellow man is a testament to his lifelong desire to improve the quality of life across Hudson County.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano, members of the Board of Commissioners and Hudson County Executive Craig Guy extend its highest commendations to Frank J. Guarini for his lifelong devotion to public service and tireless dedication to his fellow citizens of Hudson County. The Board also extend its congratulations to Frank J. Guarini on turning 100 years old on August 20, 2024.

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