

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: DECEMBER 7, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF CHARLIE DESIDERIO'S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation and Photos of Charlie Desiderio

Minutes:

While photos were displayed on overhead monitors, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized the legacy of CHARLIE DESIDERIO by inviting his wife, MARY, and two daughters, DENA and DONNA, to the podium. The Councilman discussed MR. DESIDERIO'S many accomplishments and community contributions prior to presenting MRS. DESIDERIO with a proclamation.

MRS. DESIDERIO thanked the Mayor, Council members, and community members for their prayers and support. She was honored to accept the proclamation on her husband's behalf.

MARY JANOWSKI, MR. DESIDERIO'S assistant, recalled how honored she was to have the opportunity to work for him for so many years.

KAREN DORSEY, Ellis Island, remembered how much MR. DESIDERIO loved their ribs. From the first moment she met him he touched her life. He had an exuberance about him that touched everyone he met. It is fitting that he receive his type of recognition and she is honored to play a part in his recognition.

HEIDI HARRIS, 720 KDWN-AM, recalled how MR. DESIDERIO was the only person to make her cry on the air. She recalled visiting him in the hospital and how he lived life with such zest and passion. It was an honor to have known and worked with him.

MAYOR GOODMAN remembered how he came to her office three weeks before he passed away. He continued to focus his efforts and energies on helping others in the community until the very end and is an example to us all.

