

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. MC 19-1223-64

Date of Adoption DECEMBER 23, 2019

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

[Signature]
Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

FREDERIC

SECONDED BY

INMAN

YVES "FANFAN" JOSEPH RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION IN COMMEMORATION OF HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, 2020

WHEREAS, Yves "Fanfan" Joseph, a native of Petion-Ville, Haiti and better known as "Fanfan" is one of the original members of Tabou Combo starting with the band in 1968 as a conga player and in the 80's moved to the forefront as support to Shoubou, the lead vocalist of the band; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, Fanfan developed a fondness for poetry and a passion for music, a combination that has made him one of the most successful songwriters and composers in the French Caribbean music industry; and

WHEREAS, some of the songs that carries Fanfan's signature are: AUX ANTILLES, ZAP-ZAP, ET ALORS, BAISSEZ BAS, JUICY LUCY, PANAMA QUERIDA, the latter considered as the National Anthem of Panama and has allowed Haitians to earn recognition and respect in Panama and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Yves Joseph and Tabou Combo have been playing and extending the music of Haiti and there is no doubt that Tabou Combo has changed the perception of Kompa, music in various parts of the world. Tabou Combo has received international acclaim in such continents as Europe and Africa, including such countries as, Cuba, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Panama; and

WHEREAS, when Fanfan is not composing, he takes charge of the administrative affairs of the band, and as a manager he has been able to carry the band through hard times and uncertainty that are so prevalent in the Haitian music industry; and

WHEREAS, Fanfan worked for the Mission of Congo to the United Nations for ten years as a translator, interpreter and confidant to the Ambassador. He also went to mechanical school and graduated with a "Doctor of Motors" citation; AND

WHEREAS, Fanfan went on to enter City College of New York at the age of 36 and graduated CUM LAUDE with a major in International Studies and a minor in Education, took the LSAT in 1990 and was accepted by Michigan Law School wanting to become a human rights lawyer to be a voice for the voiceless; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, he was already married with a child and could not afford to move away from home; and

WHEREAS, as an unsung hero, in 2007, using his own funds, Fanfan turned his childhood home in Haiti and started "The Fernande Joseph Primary School", a school named after his deceased mother who raised him to always help the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Fanfan has received the prestigious "Sunshine Award" for his humanitarian work in Haiti and is the only Haitian musician to receive an endorsement deal with LP music, the leading provider of percussive instruments in the world; and

WHEREAS, Fanfan was also a founding member of PROMOCAPITAL, an investment group in Haiti and current owner of "La Baguette d'Or Bakery and Bistro" in Spring Valley, after owning Airport Music a music store located at the Airport in HAITI, specializing in Haitian CDs and DVD sales; and

WHEREAS, Fanfan currently lives in New Jersey with his wife Nadja who is an electrical engineer and co-owner of La Baguette he also has a son, Mikhail who manages the businesses with him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington commends and applauds the many achievements of Yves "Fanfan" in commemoration of Haitian Independence Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body as a lasting tribute to Yves "Fanfan" Joseph.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote N.V. = No Vote A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BEASLEY	X				INMAN	X			
COX	X				VICK	X			
FREDERIC, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	X				BURGESS, PRESIDENT	X			
HUDLEY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *[Signature]* MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE December 23, 2019

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE DEC 23 2019

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