



City of Cambridge

R-34.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 2006

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: John Andrew Ross (JAR) was an accomplished African American composer, organist, choral conductor and jazz musician; and
- WHEREAS: JAR was educated at Boston University where he concentrated on church music, and he received degrees from the College of Liberal Arts in 1960 and the School of Fine and Applied Arts in 1964; and
- WHEREAS: JAR was the musical director at the highly acclaimed Langston Hughes gospel play Black Nativity, and he lead two widely recognized music ensembles, the Voices of Black Persuasion and the Contra-Band; and
- WHEREAS: JAR has received multiple regional Emmy nominations and in 1981 won the regional Emmy with Billy Wilson for "Blues and Gone" a part of the series "Say Brother" produced by Boston's public broadcasting station WGBH. He also won the 1990 Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Musical Achievement Award from the city of Boston and the 2000 New England Conservatory Anna Bobbit Gardener Lifetime Achievement Award; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of John Andrew Ross; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its sincere sympathy to the family of John Andrew Ross; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Ross family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury".
D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

RESOLUTION #34

Resolution on the death of John
Ross.

**Mayor Reeves and entire
membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED