

- WHEREAS: Edward retired from the position of Middlesex County Clerk of Courts in January, 2007, after having served eight six-year terms; and
- WHEREAS: Edward's distinguished public career and his personal life were grounded on his genuine concern for those who needed help and his tireless efforts to get them that help; and
- WHEREAS: Edward was the beloved brother of the late Mary McMorro, Dorothy Powers and James and Robert Sullivan; and
- WHEREAS: Edward's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his wife Jacqueline S. (Scully) Sullivan; his siblings Jean Savory, Kate Lynch and Walter J. and William Sullivan; and his many nieces and nephews; and
- WHEREAS: Edward will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Edward J. Sullivan at this time of such personal loss; 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 Sullivan family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council July 30, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-166.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 30, 2007

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

- WHEREAS: The City Council was deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Edward J. Sullivan on July 24, 2007; and
- WHEREAS: Edward was a lifelong resident of Cambridge, born to Michael A. "Mickey the Dude" and Mary C. (Hart) Sullivan on February 25, 1921, the seventh of twelve children; and
- WHEREAS: Edward was a United States Navy World War II veteran and the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from New England School of Law; and
- WHEREAS: Edward learned politics and public service in his own home through his father's experience as a member of the Cambridge City Council; upon his father's death in 1949, he campaigned successfully for his father's vacant seat, and was elected to his first of four terms as a member of the Cambridge City Council; and
- WHEREAS: Edward became the Mayor of Cambridge in 1956 when he was only 34 years old; thereafter, he continued as a City Councillor until 1959 (followed by his brother Mayor Emeritus Walter J. Sullivan and then by Walter's son, City Councillor Michael A. Sullivan); and
- WHEREAS: In November of 1958 Edward was first elected Middlesex County Clerk of Courts, the first member of the Democratic Party to hold that position in the history of Middlesex County; and
- WHEREAS: Edward was an innovative leader in the court system; he was instrumental in the implementation of the one-day one-trial jury system that was pioneered in Middlesex County, he initiated the computerization of the Middlesex court system and countless other systems improvements and modernizations; he created a diverse workforce in the Clerk's Office long before affirmative action mandates; and
- WHEREAS: In 2001 the Legislature honored his dedicated service by naming the Courthouse in Cambridge the "Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse;" and

RESOLUTION #166

**Resolution on the death of the
Honorable Edward J. Sullivan
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor
Reeves and entire membership**

**In City Council
July 30, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED