

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 14, 2008, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard M. Juang.

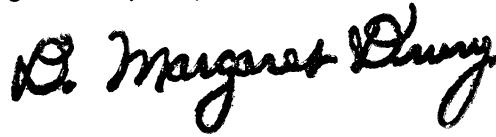
In City Council June 9, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge welcomes to One Proud Family resident and political thinker and leader Richard M. Juang, currently a member of the Cambridge GLBT Commission. In keeping with our City's tradition of excessive education, Richard is a student at Northeastern University Law School; holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University in Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and is a graduate of Stanford University. But we would be wrong to think of Richard as only an intellectual since he is also a softball fanatic, having played second base in the lesbian softball league at Cornell. Richard hung with the dykes at Stanford, identifying as a lesbian separatist and a genderqueer in his undergraduate days. Still, Richard's academic contributions are estimable and deserving of attention today: he is the co-editor of *The Encyclopedia of Africa and the Americas* and has researched and written about England, the Caribbean and the Atlantic slave trade; he is co-editor of the book *Transgender Rights*; and is co-editor of *Responding to Hate Crimes*, a manual published by the National Center for Transgender Equality. Richard's activist work is no less impressive than his academic work. Richard and four colleagues founded the Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality to build clergy and congregational support for House Bill 1722 that will, when it is passed and signed into law, include gender expression in Massachusetts nondiscrimination and hate crimes laws. The Declaration of Interfaith Support for HB 1722 now has 250 signers and counting, although he himself is somewhat puzzled by his role in the Interfaith Coalition since Richard is an agnostic with a vague Buddhist background. Richard is co-chair of the Committee on Transgender Inclusion of the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, working to foster inclusion of transgender people within MLGBA and securing the support of other Bar associations and major legal thinkers and leaders for HB 1722. Raised by Taiwanese immigrant parents in Queens, New York, Richard's activist interests are unusual by any standards and are not necessarily a marker of career success in his culture of origin. Nonetheless, Richard's parents raised him with an appreciation for family centeredness which he carries with him in his community work, placing a high value on his own queer family identification. Richard's application for undergraduate study was rejected by Harvard University (their loss) when he shared with the interviewer that he was a socialist and an avid student of Marx's Communist Manifesto. His curiosity about the world and all its peoples got a jumpstart in Queens because his parents made a habit of buying boxes of books from public libraries seeking to unload their overstock. Richard's career switch from English and Atlantic Studies to law was fueled by a desire for better understandings of and access to public policy and legislative change. Richard is fearless and all the more so since he just returned from his first adventure of storm-chasing in the Tornado Alley of the American's Midwestern plain states. Richard writes poetry and is currently working on a novel, the title of which is *Boy Parts*. Richard's philosophy of life is: "Love, protect, cultivate, create and defend." We honor and thank Richard M. Juang for bringing care, compassion and concern to all his valuable work and for creating a world more safe and more free for all of us.

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable life of Richard M. Juang whose work vastly improves our city and life for all within it;



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge are proud of all members of our community and have made a strong commitment to civil rights and to building good relationships amongst us; and

WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and

WHEREAS: June 2008 marks the 39th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is spotlighted by the city's exemplary leadership in celebrating the freedom to marry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is further proclaimed by the official inauguration of the city-wide advisory body called the Cambridge GLBT Commission, brought into service on April 21, 2005;

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office will host the Eighteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2008; and

RESOLUTION #28

That the City Council recognize
June 14, 2008 as the official
Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
and Transgender Pride Day with a
special tribute to Richard M. Juang
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
June 9, 2008**

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