



City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL

VICE MAYOR REEVES

March 4, 1991

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- WHEREAS: One such person, perhaps the single most important leader of the twentieth century in the fight for civil rights for Blacks everywhere, whose legacy, in the form of books, ideas, and institutions belongs to all of us, is William Edward Burghardt DuBois; and
- WHEREAS: W.E.B. DuBois, born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts in 1868, attended Harvard University in 1888, and lived for four years at 20 Flagg Street in Cambridge, renting a room in the home of a Black woman from Novia Scotia descended from Jamaican Maroons deported from that province by the British; and
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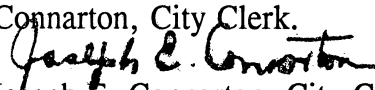
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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NON-CONSENT

Vice Mayor Reeves resolutions on William
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