



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Walter J. Sullivan

September 14, 1987

- WHEREAS: We hear it said that today we have no real heroes in our midst; and
- WHEREAS: That was proven wrong on the evening of August 14, 1987 when Bent Bakken, a student at M.I.T. was returning by bicycle to his home in Boston; and
- WHEREAS: On that evening, while crossing the Longfellow Bridge, he heard a cry for help. He stopped his bicycle, looked over the railing of the bridge and saw a person struggling in the water of the Charles River; and
- WHEREAS: With no regard for his own safety, he ran to the Cambridge shoreline, dove into the water and swam to the person's assistance. Upon arrival of the emergency forces, Bent Bakken had successfully brought the victim to shore; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council applauds Bent Bakken, a real hero who, in a life and death crisis, ran toward and not away from giving the very best of himself for the life of another; that it appreciates the quality of character and values which led him to do what he did; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution for appropriate presentation to Bent Bakken.

In City Council September 14, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #10 S-504

Mayor W. Sullivan re: resolutions applaud-
ing Bent Bakken, an MIT student who dove
into the Charles River to save a person
struggling in the water, without regard to
his own personal safety.

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