

- WHEREAS: Edward has a strong reputation as an innovative leader in the court system; he was instrumental in 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 work force in the Clerk's Office long before affirmative action mandates; and
- WHEREAS: Edward is one of the longest serving elected officials in the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout his entire career as an elected public official, Edward's public service has been characterized by genuine concern for those who need help and tireless efforts to get them that help; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record extending its appreciation and thanks to Edward J. Sullivan for his dedication to the people of Cambridge, Middlesex County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council extends its best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Middlesex County Clerk of Courts Edward J. Sullivan on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 27, 2006.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



# City of Cambridge

R-137.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2006

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

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Edward J. Sullivan will retire from his elected position as Clerk of Middlesex County at the end of his current term in December 2006; and
- WHEREAS: Edward is 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 is a World War II veteran and the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from New England Law School; 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 this history of Middlesex County; and
- WHEREAS: Edward is currently completing the ninth term of his 48 years of service as Middlesex County Clerk of Courts; he has served under six Chief Justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Court; and
- WHEREAS: On September 8, 2001 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts honored Edward by renaming the Middlesex County Courthouse as the "Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse;" and

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**RESOLUTION #137**

Thanks to Edward J. Sullivan for his dedication and service to the people of Cambridge, Middlesex County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States.

**Councillor Sullivan and entire membership**

**In City Council  
February 27, 2006**

**ORDER ADOPTED**