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Councillor Buckley

WHEREAS: Mr. Bennett S. Lerner is an attorney at law, who was educated at Brandeis University and Northeastern University School of Law and who, as a sole practitioner, maintains a general practice in the City of Cambridge, concentrating on landlord-tenant law, immigration, and consumer protection matters;

WHEREAS: In the past four years Mr. Lerner has volunteered an average of 300 hours per year in representing clients of the Community Legal Services and Counseling Center in Cambridge and has represented more than 150 clients, more than any other volunteer in the history of the Center;

WHEREAS: Mr. Lerner has also provided free or reduced fee representation for other groups such as the Massachusetts Tenants Organization and the Political Asylum Immigration Representation project;

WHEREAS: Mr. Lerner's work has included the representation of homeless persons seeking housing, the trial of eviction cases in the Cambridge District Court, the negotiation of agreements for tenants affected by the end of rent control protections, and zealous and creative representation of clients who struggle with mental health problems, domestic violence and other personal difficulties;

WHEREAS: Mr. Bennett S. Lerner was nominated for and on February 8, 1997, was presented with the Massachusetts Bar Association's 1997 Pro Bono Publico Award in honor of the significant time he has donated to represent persons who are financially unable otherwise to gain access to legal services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the this City Council recognize Mr. Lerner's public service contribution to the community and commend him on the honor of his Pro Bono Publico award.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 1997

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to **Bennett S. Lerner** on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 24, 1997
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Consent Order #37

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Entire Membership

Councillor Duehay re: Appreciation to
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service contribution to the community
and commend him on the honor of his
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In City Council February 24, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED