

- WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci delighted in serving authentic Italian spaghetti in his basement kitchen to gatherings that could easily include university presidents, local, state and federal political leaders and his East Cambridge neighbors; and
- WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci spent his retirement years working on one of the causes closest to his heart, children's literacy, through the Reading is Fundamental program; and
- WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci was the devoted husband of the late Jurina (Valentino), the father of four daughters, Mary Ann Almeida, Theresa Ferranti, Joanne Castriotta and Jurina Vellucci, and four sons, James, Pasquale, Alfred Jr. and Peter; twenty eight grandchildren, twenty six great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren;
- WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Mayor Emeritus Alfred E. Vellucci at this time of such personal loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Vellucci family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 28, 2002.

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-47.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 2002

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

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Mayor Emeritus Alfred "Al" E. Vellucci on Thursday, October 17, 2002 at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci was born in Somerville in 1915, the oldest son of Italian immigrants; he grew up in East Cambridge and shortly after his father passed away while he was in the sixth grade, he had to leave school to help his mother support the family; and

WHEREAS: During World War II, Mayor Vellucci served in the United States Army; after the war, he worked for some time with a federal antipoverty program and later opened a sandwich shop; and

WHEREAS: As described in the October 21, 2002 *Boston Herald*, "In 1951, he burst into the political arena, literally tossing aside his apron to debate a professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a position on the city's school committee; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci won that seat and began a career as a renowned elected official for over forty years; he served on the School Committee from 1952 to 1955 and then was elected to the City Council, on which he served from 1956 to 1989; when he stepped down from the City Council in 1989, he went back to serve again on the School Committee for the 1990-1991 term; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Vellucci was Mayor of the City of Cambridge four times, 1970-1971, 1976-1977, 1982-1983 and 1988-1989; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Emeritus Vellucci was a staunch supporter and spokesman for the city's working class, an understanding and effective advocate for the immigrants who flocked to Cambridge over the years seeking a better future for themselves and their children, and an unfailing champion for the cause of common men and women; and

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RESOLUTION # 47

Resolution on the death of Mayor
Emeritus Alfred E. Vellucci.
**Mayor Sullivan, Councillors
Toomey, Galluccio, Maher and
entire membership**

In City Council October 28, 2002

**ORDER ADOPTED BY
RISING VOTE OF NINE
MEMBERS.**