

149.

Councillor Triantafellow
Vice Mayor Galluccio

Whereas:

Frank Capobianco, ~~long time~~ life-long resident
of Cambridge, has distinguished himself all his life; and
Whereas: residing at 152 Huron Avenue.

Frank assumed the family responsibility
of supporting his mother, three sisters and
his grandmother after the death of his father
by working two jobs; and
Whereas:

At the age of 18 Frank entered the
Merchant Marines where he served his
Country in the Battle of Leyte Gulf during
World War II; and

Whereas:

Frank still found time in his busy
life to be ~~was~~ involved in his community
helping his neighbors with food, money, ~~and~~
transportation and companionship; now therefore
he is

Resolved

That this City Council go on record designating
an appropriate location in the vicinity of

152 Huron Avenue as "Frank Capabianco
Corner" in recognition for this outstanding
Cantabrigian; and be it further
Resolved

That ^{suitable} ~~an appropriate~~ ceremony be
scheduled to dedicate this corner
by the Assistant to the City Council
after consultation with the family.

Councillor Giannafillou
VMG

Ordered:

That an appropriate dedication of a

Corner in the vicinity of 152 Hudson Avenue

be dedicated to Frank Capobianco ^(and may a dedication be scheduled) after

consultation with the family.

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Date: Mon, Feb 2, 1998 12:46 AM EDT
From: Ophelia117
Subj: Concerning a recent article in People
To: SRussell@CI.Cambridge.MA.US
cc: KTCouncil, KER340, agalluccio@ci.cambridge.ma.us,
FDUEHAY@MCIMAIL.COM, HenriDavis, KathyBorn

Dear City Council Members:

I have recently read an article in People magazine concerning the city of Cambridge naming street corners and lanes after outstanding citizens. I understand that there are not many streets left for which you are doing this, but I ask you to consider dedicating one to a person that has deserved an honor such as this for more than 70 years.

Frank Capobianco has been a citizen of Cambridge since his birth in 1920. His father was killed when Frank was still a child, after which he took it upon himself to support his grandmother, mother and three sisters by working two jobs for over 35 years.

At the age of 18, Frank joined the Merchant Marines and was soon fighting in the Atlantic and Pacific during the peak of WWII. It was during this time that he fought in the Battle of Leyte Gulf and was on board the USS Campfire, which sustained major damage, during a convoy, PQ-17, on the Murmansk Run. Along with his shipmates, he was listed as missing in action while their crippled ship made repairs in Murmansk. He suffered severe hearing loss during these many battles, forever shattering his dreams of becoming a Navy pilot.

He had never stopped supporting his family during the war, sending all his earnings back home, and he continued to dedicate himself to their welfare even after his return. He began work as a carpenter and spent his nights working as a postal clerk at the Back Bay Post Office. Though his free time was limited, he found enough to help those in the community that needed him. He helped many with rides home from the market, money for food, and drove many a neighbor to the doctor when needed.

He has never looked for praise or compensation for the great deeds he has

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done in his life, going as far as to turn down the Purple Heart when it was offered to him. He thought of his heroes in war as only his duties and his dedication at home as merely his responsibility. He also still lives in the house in which he grew up at 152 Huron Avenue and has always taken an active role in "his corner," the place where he played as a child and now walks through every morning to get the daily paper.

I can never truly express how much Uncle Frank has meant to me throughout my life. He was there building my first playhouse when I was five, telling me stories of the war when I was twelve, and with me this summer as I searched for a college in Boston. I am in awe of such a man; someone who has given so much and has never received anything in return. I can only hope that in this letter I have conveyed some of the great person I have the honor of knowing.

I thank you for the time you took to read this letter that has run much longer than originally intended. If there is anyway possible that my request could be met, I please ask you to contact me at the address or number below.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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City of Cambridge

149.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 1998

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: **Frank Capobianco**, a life-long resident of Cambridge who resides at 152 Huron Avenue has distinguished himself all his life; and

WHEREAS: Frank assumed the family responsibility of supporting his mother, three sisters and his grandmother after the death of his father by working two jobs; and

WHEREAS: At the age of 18, Frank entered the Merchant Marines where he served his country in the Battle of Leyte Gulf during World War II; and

WHEREAS: Frank still found time in his busy life to be involved in his community helping his neighbors with food, money, transportation and companionship; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record designating an appropriate location in the vicinity of 152 Huron Avenue as "Frank Capobianco Corner" in recognition for this outstanding Cantabrigian; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable ceremony be scheduled by the assistant to the City Council, to dedicate this corner, after consultation with the family.

In City Council February 2, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Councillor Triantafillou and Vice Mayor
Galluccio re: _____
_____ Designate an appropriate
location in the vicinity of 152 Huron Ave.
as "Frank Capobianco Corner."

In City Council February 2, 1998.

ORDER ADOPTED