



City of Cambridge

R-41.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge supports and celebrates bold steps taken to confront bigotry and prejudice and thus congratulates City Councillor Kathleen Born for her years of service on the Cambridge Council, and in particular, her leadership and vision to improve the quality of life for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people; and

WHEREAS: With good humor and a generosity of spirit matched by few public officials in this or any other city, Kathy Born has spoken out for the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in Cambridge, supporting domestic partner benefits for city workers, families and supporting the rights of transgender people to equal employment and housing; and

WHEREAS: While serving as the Vice-Mayor under then Mayor Sheila Russell, Kathy Born organized a meeting between members of the Cambridge Lavender Alliance and Mayor Russell in order to nurture good working relations between the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS: When the U.S. Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Federal Defense of Marriage Act, Kathy Born responded quickly by authoring a Council order condemning the newly enacted law; and

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WHEREAS: Kathy Born has served as co-chair of the Kids' Council and helped to guide the process of setting goals for after-school programs and literacy programs for children in Cambridge; and

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- WHEREAS: Kathy Born's retirement from public office will leave the Council and the City poorer for the loss of her special brand of common sense politics that calls for the best in Cambridge and the best in all of us; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good work and valuable life of Kathy Born whose inspiring leadership vastly improved our city and life for all within it; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 9, 2001 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to the Cambridge Lavender Alliance and The Honorable Kathleen Born.

In City Council June 4, 2001.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

May 31, 2001

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Mayor Galluccio

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