



City of Cambridge

R-82.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 5, 2007

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Vusumusi Maduna, formerly known as Denis James Didley, Sculptor, died on Sunday January 28th after enduring a long illness; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Maduna was born on October 22, 1940 in Cambridge to the late Edna Watkins and Sam Didley; and

WHEREAS: He is survived by son Basonge James, daughter Nia Maya James, and their parent Elena James; and

WHEREAS: He was an admired artist who contributed many works of art to the communities of Cambridge and Boston; and

WHEREAS: He was known as Vuzi to many; and he leaves behind a vibrant community of artists, friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS: He was a member of the African American Master Artists in Residency Program (AAMARP), as well as the Piano Factory in Boston where he lived for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS: One of his many public art works include "The Judge", which was installed at the Roxbury District Court; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Maduna family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION #82

**Resolution on the death of
Vusumusi Maduna
Mayor Reeves, Councillor Davis
and entire membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED