



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 1998

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

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is indebted to Bernard "Bernie" Rudolph for his efforts in the revitalization of Fort Washington; and

WHEREAS: Bernie lived in Cambridgeport for over seventy years; and

WHEREAS: Bernie is a veteran, and he always understood the significance of Fort Washington, which was constructed by order of George Washington to protect the mouth of the Charles River during the Revolutionary War, and is the only unaltered vestige of the ring of fortifications erected around Boston; and

WHEREAS: Bernie began his campaign for preservation of Fort Washington in the 1960's when, with the help of his then twelve year old son Stuart, he began raising and lowering the flag over the site everyday; and

WHEREAS: With the help of his wife Marion, Bernie raised the funds to purchase a new flag pole through donations made by patrons of his restaurant and local businesses; and

WHEREAS: The campaign culminated with a dedication ceremony for Flay Day, June 14, 1968; Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil attended and contributed a flag that had flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.; he and U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson spoke to several hundred Cambridge grammar school children about the significance of Fort Washington, the American Revolution and the American Flag; and

WHEREAS: Through efforts such as this exciting and memorable Flag Day gala, Bernie was able to raise additional funds for the preservation of Fort Washington, a true national treasure; and

WHEREAS: Bernie also saved the Fort from destruction by commercial interests; when his activism defeated the attempt of a now defunct trucking company to pave it over to expand their parking lot; and

WHEREAS: Regardless of the weather, for years Bernie and his son Stuart continued to raise and lower the flag everyday until Bernie was able to get lights installed to allow the flag to fly around the clock at Fort Washington; and

WHEREAS: Today, the City Council honors the dedication, determination and patriotism of Bernard Rudolph; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby dedicates the Fort Washington area as "**Bernard Rudolph Square**" in his honor; and be it further

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

In City Council June 15, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

MRS

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"Bernie"

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Whereas: Through efforts ^{such as} like this evening's Flag Day gala, Bernie was able to raise additional funds ^{and memorable} for the preservation of Fort Washington, a true national treasure; and

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Resolved: That the ~~City~~ hereby ^{dedicate} ~~name~~ the Fort Washburn area as "Bernard Rudolph Square" in ~~his~~ his honor; and be it further

Resolved: That the City Clerk prepare a suitably enclosed copy of this resolution for presentation to Bernard Rudolph at the dedication ceremony

Carmela
Sullivan
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June 4, 1998

(Please
contact
family) ✓ DMD

Mr. Michael Sullivan
19 Garden Street Apt. 37
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Your father suggested that I write to you about my efforts to honor my father Bernard Rudolph, who lived in Cambridgeport for over 70 years and was a key factor in saving and rehabilitating Fort Washington. I am interested in honoring my father's efforts by naming the area around Fort Washington as Bernard Rudolph Square. Let me describe to you some of the things my father did to save Fort Washington.

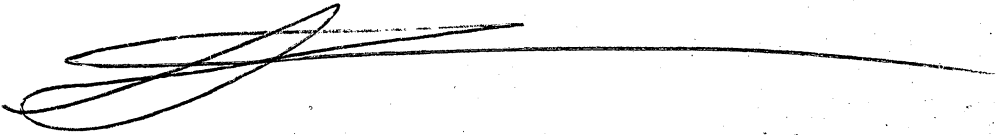
Being a veteran and understanding the significance of Fort Washington and its role in American history, my father fought persistently to revitalize Fort Washington. In the late sixties my father raised money from local families and businesses to buy and install a new flag pole. He organized a dedication ceremony for Flag Day, June 14, 1968, at which Tip O'Neill and Elliot Richardson spoke. They spoke to several hundred Cambridge grammar school children about the significance of Fort Washington, the American Revolution and the American Flag. It was through efforts like this that my father was able to raise additional money save this National treasure.

Bernie also saved the Fort from commercial interests seeking to destroy this piece of Cambridge and American history. A now defunct trucking company wanted to pave it over to expand their parking lot.

Regardless of the weather, for years my father and I raised and lowered the flag every day, until he was able to get lights installed to allow the flag to fly around the clock at Fort Washington.

My father is now 85 years old. I am asking for your help to honor him and his unselfish efforts while he is still alive, by naming the Fort Washington area as Bernard Rudolph Square. I look forward to speaking with you about how we can achieve this goal. I will call you on Monday, June 9. On behalf of my father, I thank you and your father in advance for your time and efforts on this matter.

Sincerely,



Enclosed: June 1968 Cambridge Chronicle story

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FORT WASHINGTON RITES: Photos show details of first Flag Day exercises at historic Revolutionary earthwork. Upper left, Atty. General Elliot Richardson and City Councillor Bernard Goldberg pledge allegiance to the flag. Upper center, David E. Pitts, U.S. Navy, assisted by 12-year-old Stuart Rudolph raise the flag to open ceremonies. Upper right, Congressman Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., a principal speaker. Below, panorama of Fort during height of exercises. (Photos by Ed Pacheco).

His Crusade for Historic Fort Washington Results In Gala Flag Day Rites

By FRED TILTON

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From the example set by the colonists he learned the virtues of fortitude and perseverance and has successfully applied them in a fight to preserve and spruce up one of the city's real historic shrines — Fort Washington.

Fort Washington, a semi-circular mound of earthworks, 50 feet in diameter, four feet high, with three cannon ports, is located at the river end of Putnam ave. and Allston st.

Constructed by order of George Washington during the Revolutionary War, it is the only unaltered vestige of the ring of fortifications erected around Boston. It was designed to protect the mouth of the Charles River.

The land, originally owned by the Dana Family, was deeded to the city in 1857 for preservation as a historical site, but had fallen into disrepair.

Rudolph became intensely interested in the Fort more than two years ago and began a one-man campaign for its restoration and recognition. The campaign culminated in Flag Day exercises at the site Friday, exercises that saw more than 1000 persons in attendance for the dedication of a new flag pole.

Modest Beginning

Rudolph's campaign had a modest beginning. With the help of his 12 year-old son, Stuart, he began raising and lowering the flag over the site every day.

"If a person wants to do something good, it's surprising how many people will help out", says Rudolph, explaining how neighborhood interest in the Fort grew day by day.

With the help of his wife, Marion, he raised some \$600, through donations made by patrons of his restaurant and local business firms. The money was used to purchase an aluminum flag pole.

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Essay Contest

More than 600 students of the Morse and Blessed Sacrament schools entered an essay contest on "What The American Flag Means To Me". The winners, Leslie Whitney of Blessed Sacrament and Marcel DuBois, Jr., of Morse, were awarded their prizes at the ceremonies.

The affair will become an annual event and plans are underway to interest the federal government in naming the site a historic shrine.

"But come what may", says Rudolph, "I intend to raise and lower the flag as long as I'm able."

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Consent Order #12

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ORDER ADOPTED