

City of Cambridge

Councillor Crane

In City Council,
January 13, 1969.

WHEREAS:-

This City Council learned with deep regret of the death of James E. Finnegan, Director of Public Assistance, on December 25, 1968, and

WHEREAS:-

James E. Finnegan was born in Cambridge on May 3, 1879 and entered the service of the City in 1910 and was appointed Secretary to the Board of Public Welfare, and

WHEREAS:-

James E. Finnegan successfully served as Secretary to the Board of Public Welfare, Welfare Agent of the City of Cambridge, General Supervisor of the Department of Public Welfare and finally as Director of Public Assistance; saw the Department's responsibilities increase from year to year and supervised all functions of Public Welfare including general relief, old age assistance and aid to dependent children, and

WHEREAS:-

James E. Finnegan completed forty-nine years of service with the department in 1959 and made his greatest contribution to the City of Cambridge during the period of the Great Depression from 1929 to 1938 when the Welfare Department under his guidance was successful in coping with the problems presented by the large number of unemployed, therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That this City Council go on record extending its sympathy to the family of James E. Finnegan on their great loss, and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this City Council in order to record for all time the accomplishments of this outstanding public official and family man who was a true friend and good neighbor to his fellow citizens.

City Council. Jan 13, 1969

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

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Resolutions on death of James E. Finnegan

January 13, 1969.

Mr. Crane