



City of Cambridge

R-75.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 2000

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Superior Court Justice Robert A. Barton is retiring; and

WHEREAS: Judge Barton is an Everett native and an ex-Marine; and

WHEREAS: Judge Barton has served as a Superior Court justice for twenty-one years since his appointment by then-Governor Michael Dukakis; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure Justice Barton has presided over numerous high-profile cases, including the 1983 trial of three Everett police officers charged with beating a man to death at the King Arthur Motel in Chelsea; the trial of five men, including three police officers, charged with breaking into Medford's Depositors Trust bank in 1980; and the trials of executive Kenneth Seguin and National Guard Peter C. Contos, charged with killing their families. He was also one of the first judges to overturn child molestation verdicts against the two women convicted in the Fells Acres Day Care case, saying that Violet Amirault and Cheryl Amirault LeFave did not receive a fair trial; and

WHEREAS: Judge Barton easily adapted to the media future of trial law, welcoming television coverage of courtrooms in high profile cases and dueling legal commentators, as an opportunity to extend public awareness and public ownership of its judicial system; and

WHEREAS: Justice Barton has balanced his openness to the electronic and video innovations in the courtroom with a firm insistence upon the formality of the proceedings, requiring the traditional forms of attire and formal and respectful communication from and among the attorneys, court officers, witnesses and jurors, which emphasizes seriousness of the proceedings and the deep respect for the rule of the law upon which our system of justice is founded; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Judge Barton for his many years of dedicated public service and wishing him a happy and healthy retirement; and be it further

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

In City Council June 5, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy:

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**Councillor Sullivan and entire
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