

City of Cambridge

Councillor Coates

In City Council,

March 2, 1970.

ORDERED:-

That the Acting City Clerk be and hereby is requested to appoint a committee of three Councillors to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Reverend H. Benton Harris.

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Committee of three Councillors to draw up
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March 2, 1970.

Mr. Coates

City of Cambridge

Councillor Mahoney

In City Council,
March 2, 1970.

WHEREAS:-

Life has come to a close for the Reverend H. Benton Harris, Pastor of the Western Avenue Baptist Church, a good shepherd who did the work of the Lord surpassingly well, and

WHEREAS:-

The Reverend H. Benton Harris was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey and was an academy graduate of Shaw University; Talladega College, A.B.; Drew University, M.A.; Howard University, School of Religion, B.D.; Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, Mass. summer 1928; Hartford Theological Foundation, 1928-1929; Andover-Newton Theological School, B.D., 1931; Boston University, School of Theology, S.T.M., 1938; Harvard Divinity School; and Harvard University Graduate School, and

WHEREAS:-

He served a number of churches in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts before coming to the Western Avenue Baptist Church in June 1960, and

WHEREAS:-

He was married to a Cambridge girl, the former Icilmah Thompson, and had long made his home in Cambridge, and

WHEREAS:-

At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cambridge Public Library; the Program Committee of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts; Family Counseling Service of Cambridge; Civic Unity Committee of Cambridge; Clergy Seminar Planning Committee; Police-community Relations Committee; Interfaith Housing Corporation of Cambridge; Department of Social Relations, Massachusetts Council of Churches; Central Square Ministers' Association; Cambridge Tuberculosis and Health Association; teacher of Week Day Religious Education; recording secretary of the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; director of the Black Community Fund, Inc.; and Southern Christian Leadership Conference, be it

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge City Council does hereby express on behalf of the City of Cambridge its deep sorrow over the passing of this distinguished citizen whose loss is a great one for us all, and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That copies of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be sent to Mrs. H. Benton Harris and to the Western Avenue Baptist Church on behalf of a grateful city.

In City Council March 2, 1970.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, Temporary City Clerk.

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RESOLUTIONS

On death of Rev.H.Benton Harris

March 2, 1970

Mr. Mahoney