

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 5, 1932

To the Honorable, the City Council:

The people of this community were very much saddened today upon learning that former Mayor Honorable J. Edward Barry died at his home after a short illness.

Mayor Barry was born in this city and has been a resident all of his lifetime. During the years 1901 and 1902 he was a member of the old Common Council. During the years 1903, 1904 and 1905 he was a member of the Board of Aldermen, and during the last year its President. In the year 1906 he represented a district of Cambridge in the State Legislature. Again he was returned to the Board of Aldermen and served during the years 1908 and 1909. He was Mayor of the City of Cambridge for three successive years from April 1911 to April 1914. He has been a member of the Board of Election Commissioners since May 1931, and since his appointment he was Chairman of that Board.

During his lifetime he has been prominently identified with many of the civic and fraternal organizations always having at heart the welfare of our City and its citizens.

In recognition of the long and faithful service of this public spirited citizen, I respectfully recommend that suitable action be taken by your honorable board as a tribute of respect to his memory, in which action I shall, of course, be glad to join.

Yours respectfully,



Mayor

COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor, transmitting
~~and from~~ notice of death of
Hon. J. Edward Bang, former
Mayor of Cambridge
Doubtless = 5

Smith
Sennott
Svenson
Hilly
Phillips

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Referred to Special Committee
Councillors Smith, Sennott, Svenson,
Hilly and Phillips

Frederick H. Barker City Clerk

Roche to attend
in Body y etc.



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WHEREAS:-

The City Council has been officially notified by His Honor the Mayor of the death on April 5th current of Hon. J. Edward Barry, it is desirable and fitting that this City Council should join with the Mayor and perpetuate upon the records its tribute to a representative citizen.

Born in Cambridge in 1874. Educated in the schools of Cambridge. Served his fellow citizens in many public offices. Died in 1932.

Amplifying these brief statements it is necessary to add that his service in public affairs was of such a high character that he was chosen year after year to serve the people. First as a Common Councilman in 1901-02. As a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1903-04-05. To the General Court in 1906. Again as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1908-09. Mayor of the City in 1911-12-13. Chairman of the Board of Election Commission from May 1931 until his death.

Over the entrance to City Hall, carved in stone ^{so} as that it will endure for all time is the following:

"God has given commandments unto men- from these commandments men have framed laws by which to be governed - It is honorable and praiseworthy to serve the people by administering these laws faithfully - if the laws are not enforced the people are not well governed."

J. Edward Barry, even if he did not read this inscription daily,



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lived up to it, for he served the people with honor and distinction and he faithfully and fearlessly administered these laws. He discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the people of his native city. They acknowledged it repeatedly.

In the business and social life of the city he was always a welcome figure. No civic duty was ever neglected, no appeal from fraternal or charitable organizations for assistance was ever denied- his services were always at the disposal of his fellow citizens.

He has departed from this life and a void exists that will be hard to fill. His eloquence, his wit, his humor, his kindness to friend and foe is but a memory. It is therefore

RESOLVED:-

That the members of the City Council recognize the public loss sustained in the death of J. Edward Barry. The fidelity with which he discharged his many duties was apparent to all. May his life among us be held in kind remembrance.

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*Adopted unanimously by
a rising vote*

Frederick W. Burke City Clerk

Executive Department APR 14 1932

Approved *Richard W. Runcie*
Attest (11)

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Presented to the City Council

by

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk

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In City Council April 12, 1952.

*The Special Committee on Resolutions on the Death
of Hon. J. Edward Barry*

to which was referred a communication from His Honor the Mayor

Reports,

Recommending the adoption of the
accompanying resolutions relative to same.

For the Committee.

J. Henry Smith

REPORT

Special

Committee on

Resolutions

Death of Hon. J. Edward Barry

April 12, 1932