

# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
October 27, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: This day the Cambridge City Council honors George and Josephine Vendetti;  
and

WHEREAS: George Michael Vendetti was born in Boston on March 8, 1926, and Josephine  
"Josie" Ann Rosenberger was born in Cambridge on May 3, 1931; and

WHEREAS: George served his country in World War II in the United States Navy as an  
Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd Class from 1943 to 1945; and

WHEREAS: One fine day when George was 21 years old, back from his military service and  
living in his hometown of Cambridge, Josie decided to take her younger  
brothers and sisters across the Charles River to the Esplanade. Young George  
offered his help to lift the baby carriage for Josie, and it was love at first sight on  
the Longfellow Bridge. George and Josie joined their hearts and hands in Holy  
Matrimony on September 4, 1950 at Sacred Heart Church in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The marriage of Josie and George was blessed with nine fine children, Richard,  
George, Michael, and Joseph Vendetti, Terri and Betty Vendetti, Ruth Gamble,  
Patricia Lorenzo and Joan Knox; and

WHEREAS: As the children grew up and started families of their own, George and Josie  
became the doting grandparents of eighteen grandchildren and five great  
grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: George was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Shipyard as a coppersmith; and in  
addition to being the homemaker for a family of nine children, Josie worked as a  
lunch aide at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School; and

WHEREAS: George has a reputation as an inventor; and it has been said that many of his inventions involved duct tape; likewise he has a reputation for being able to fix almost anything and to almost always use duct tape for the repair; and

WHEREAS: George and Josie have been faithful and active parishioners at Sacred Heart Church; Josie ran the annual Halloween Dance for many years and worked hard on the bazaars and bingo games; and

WHEREAS: George and Josie have a talent for loving and celebrating life, and family and friends know that they are always welcome to celebrate with them in the good times and that in the bad times Josie and George will be there for them; and

WHEREAS: George and Josephine Vendetti have been a blessing to each other, to their family, their friends and their community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Fifth Street and Charles Street as

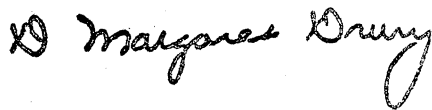
**"George and Josie Vendetti Square";**

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation at the Dedication Ceremony on June 9, 2007.

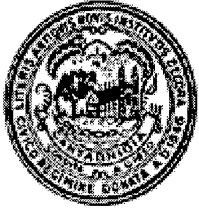
In City Council October 27, 2003  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

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ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate 155 Charles Street as the "Josie and George Vendetti Walkway"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

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Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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**ORDER #3**

Dedicate 155 Charles Street as the  
"Josie and George Vendetti  
Walkway".

**Councillor Toomey and entire  
membership**

**In City Council October 27, 2003**

**ORDER ADOPTED**