

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-nine

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RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF CREATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, INC.,
AND ITS PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL, INCORPORATED AS CREATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, INC., HAS OPERATED SUCCESSFULLY FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED MANY TESTIMONIALS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS CONCERNING THE HIGH QUALITY OF ITS GRADUATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL HAS PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MANY MINORITY CHILDREN; AND

WHEREAS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO A GREATER NUMBER OF CHILDREN, THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL ACQUIRED A NEW LOCATION FOR ITS OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO ACCOMMODATE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY STUDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEW LOCATION HAD BEEN THE SITE OF A SCHOOL FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY STUDENTS, FOR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ISSUED ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS; AND

WHEREAS, OVER TWO HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING SUCH WELL KNOWN PERSONS AS DAVID O. IVES, PRESIDENT OF WGBH; JULIA CHILD OF WGBH; FRANCIS H. DUEHAY, A MEMBER OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL; HARVARD UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROFESSOR LAURENCE H. TRIBE; AND BAILEY ALDRICH SIGNED A PETITION OPPOSING THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE IN OPPOSITION TO THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL PROPOSED EXPANSION INCLUDED A STATEMENT THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD BE "CHANGING THE COMPLEXION OF THAT RESIDENTIAL AREA"; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC CHARGES OF RACISM HAVE BEEN LEVELED AGAINST THE OPPONENTS; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THE MOTIVATION OF CERTAIN SIGNERS WAS THE CONCERN FOR "THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN"; AND

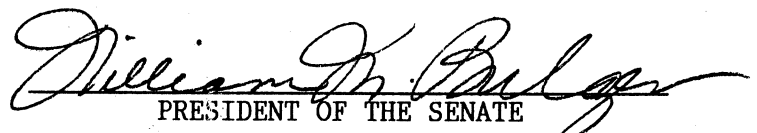
WHEREAS, THE SIGNED PETITION MAKES NO MENTION OF THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN BUT ONLY STATES THAT COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL "WILL GENERATE EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC, AGGRAVATE EXISTING PARKING PROBLEMS AND BE DETRIMENTAL TO EXISTING ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL USES."; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY COMMENDS THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, INCLUDING THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, FOR THE PROPER AND IMPARTIAL DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES IN THEIR REVIEW OF THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR PERMITS AND FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SAME; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY CONDEMNS THOSE OPPONENTS OF COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL WHOSE OPPOSITION IS GROUNDED IN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; AND BE IT FURTHER

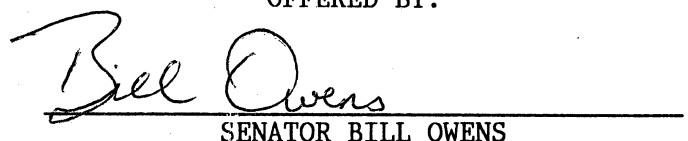
RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORTHWITH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE PRESIDENT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY, THE CAMBRIDGE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WGBH, THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL, AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

SENATE, ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 14, 1989.


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


CLERK OF THE SENATE

OFFERED BY:


SENATOR BILL OWENS

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Comm. from City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Senate Clerk entitled A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, INC. AND ITS PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH DAY SCHOOL.

In City Council,

Sept. 25, 1989

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