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Whereas John's classroom was a busy and productive place for his students who loved being there and who came to realize that John allowed them to discover things for themselves by encouraging a spirit of freedom and exciting possibility; and

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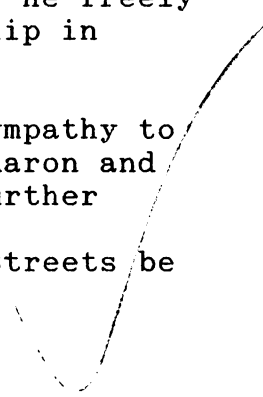
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Whereas John Eliassen was widely admired for the time he freely gave to improve his neighborhood and for his leadership in community activities; therefore, be it

Resolved that this City Council extend its deepest sympathy to his mother, Mae; his sister, Barbara; his two sons, Aaron and Dana; and his companion, Betsy Anderson; and be it further

Resolved that the square at Pemberton and Fairfield Streets be named "John Eliassen Corner" in his memory.





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In City Council July 30, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy:

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Order # 31 S-776

Councillor Duehay resolutions on the death of John Frederick Eliassen and naming Pemberton and Fairfield Streets as the "JOHN ELIASSEN CORNER".

In City Council,

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Order adopted