

- WHEREAS: Melvin was a long-time member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin was also an active member of the John J. Smith Masonic Lodge, which he joined in 1956; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin loved to travel and to see new places, but his favorite rendezvous remained Barbados, which he visited every year for the past twenty years. His other hobbies were photography and talking to a variety of people about anything and everything and plain relaxation; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin passed away on April 6, 2003; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin loved his family, his community and his city, and all are the better for his love and life; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Concord Avenue and Chilton Street at 360 Chilton Street as:

MELVIN S. DOWNES, SR. SQUARE

1922-2003

and be it further

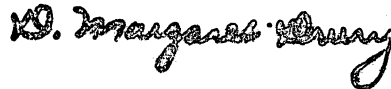
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this Order for presentation to the Downes family at the dedication ceremony on September 13, 2003.

In City Council April 28, 2003

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

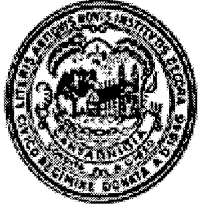
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

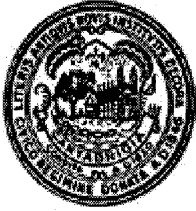


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- WHEREAS: This day the City Council honors Melvin S. Downes, Sr., a true Cantabrigian who put his roots deeply into the ground of Cambridge without ever losing the spirit of adventure and curiosity that took him to visit so many other places in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin was born in Boston, Massachusetts on September 22, 1922 to Edmund Lynch and Carnetta Downes; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin spent his early childhood years in Barbados, which instilled in him an undying love for that island. He returned to the United States and attended the Cambridge high school system from whence he later graduated; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin received his Merchant Marine papers, which sent him to Nova Scotia before he entered the U.S. Army. He served his country proudly during World War II in France and Germany. Once he received his honorable discharge he reentered the Merchant Marines and made several more trips overseas; and
- WHEREAS: In 1952, Melvin married the love of his life, Jean L. Callendar; Jean and Melvin Sr. became the loving parents of Melvin Downes Jr., and, as time moved along, the doting grandparents of Azeem Robinson; and
- WHEREAS: Melvin was employed at General Motors until he retired in 1984 after thirty-five years of service; and



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- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Concord Avenue and Chilton Street at 360 Concord Avenue as the "Melvin Downes Corner;" and be it further
- ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange with the family a dedication ceremony and the preparation of an appropriate sign.

In City Council April 28, 2003
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

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ORDER #7

Dedicating the corner of Concord Avenue and Chilton Street at 360 Concord Avenue as the "Melvin Downes Corner."

Councillor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

In City Council April 28, 2003