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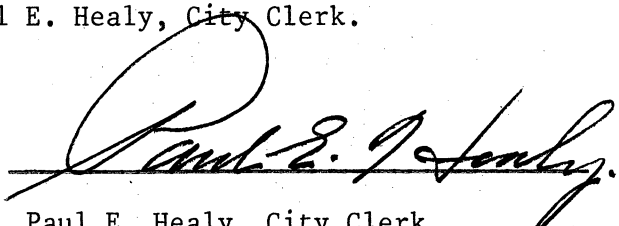
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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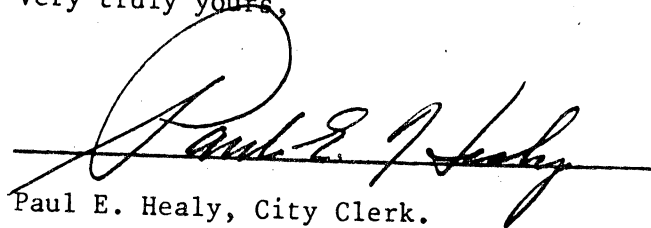
The Honorable Michael LoPresti
State Senator
The State House
Room 213A
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator LoPresti:

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cc: Cambridge Delegation to the Massachusetts Senate and
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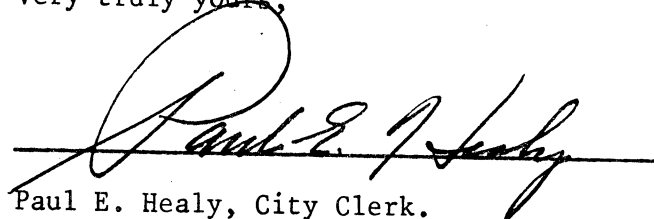
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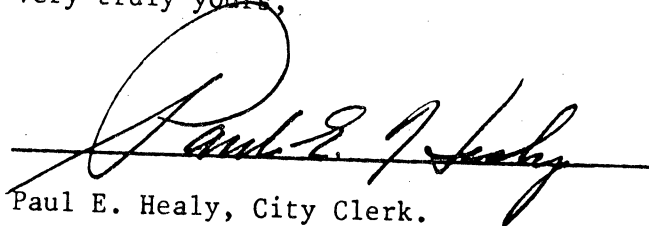
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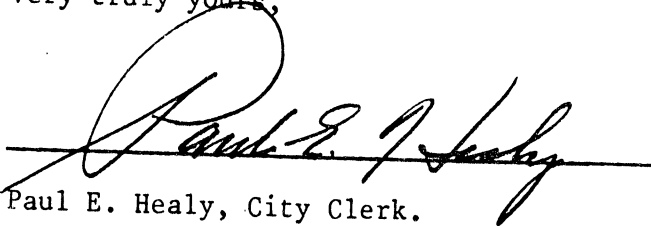
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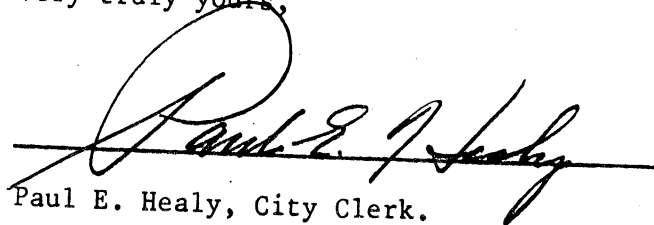
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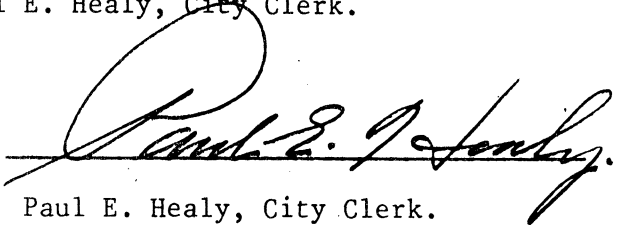
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C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions requesting
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transmittal letter, copy of this order +
attachment sent to Senators Dochow +
McNee, + Reps. Graham, Flaherty +
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