



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 1998

MAYOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to *Good News*, the greater Boston area's longest running Gospel music radio program; and

WHEREAS: Gospel music was introduced to the radio station at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (formerly WTBS) by Jeral Payne, an MIT student, in 1972, in a program called 'The Angel Presents'; and

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WHEREAS: Sharon P. Clayborne is a current co-host of *Good News* and has the longest tenure of any Gospel radio personality in this region at one radio station, joining the *Good News* staff in June, 1980 and now also serving as the Gospel Music director for WMBR; and

WHEREAS: Gregson H. (Dr. Greg) Pigott is a current co-host of *Good News*, joining the program in October of 1997, bringing prior Gospel radio experience from his work in Providence, RI; and

WHEREAS: *Good New* airs every Sunday evening from 8-10 PM on 88.1 FM, WMBR, which is located on the campus of MIT in the City of Cambridge, continuing to serve as a voice for the religious community of the greater Cambridge/Boston area, as it has for the last 25 years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the entire staff of *Good News* for all of their success and thank them for their contribution to the musical and religious vitality and diversity of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the staff of *Good News* on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 7, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Mayor Duebay

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W M C R Gospel Radio Station

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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Mayor Duehay re: thanks to the staff
of Good News for their contribution to
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ORDER ADOPTED