

- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley is widely and fondly known as a genuinely nice and decent person, who time and time again has gone to great lengths to help others in any way he could; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley's commitment to the City and his leadership as City Solicitor both within the Law Department and with other Department Heads and City employees has been extraordinary and exemplary; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley has earned the gratitude and recognition for his many efforts on behalf of the citizens of Cambridge from numerous members of our community, including City Manager Healy, former City Solicitor McCarthy, past and present Mayors and City Councillors, City staff and residents of Cambridge; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its thanks and appreciation to Russell B. Higley for his dedication to the service of the city and its residents; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Russell Higley on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 10, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 10, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Russell B. Higley has retired from his position as City Solicitor effective December 2, 2002, after having served the City for 32 years; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley first came to work for the City of Cambridge as Counsel for the Administration of the former Rent Control Department on December 14, 1970, having been appointed by former City Manager John H. Corcoran; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley was appointed as an Assistant City Solicitor on July 1, 1975 by former City Manager James L. Sullivan. At that time, under former City Solicitor Edward McCarthy, there were just two Assistant City Solicitors; and
- WHEREAS: On March 3, 1976, Mr. Higley was appointed Acting City Solicitor by former City Manager James L. Sullivan; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley was appointed City Solicitor by City Manager Sullivan on January 1, 1977 and thereafter served continuously as City Solicitor for over 26 years, from 1976 until his retirement on December 2, 2002; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Higley served the City for over 32 years under three different City Managers, including former City Managers John H. Corcoran and James L. Sullivan and City Manager Robert W. Healy; and
- WHEREAS: Under Mr. Higley's leadership, the Law Department has been converted from having a part-time City Solicitor to become a first rate full service professional law office, and has grown to include eight full time attorneys doing virtually all of the City's legal work in-house, handling the wide range of legal matters facing the City Manager, the City Council, and our many City Departments; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout the years, Mr. Higley has consistently demonstrated his great talent, energy, insight, judgment and high degree of professional competence in serving as City Solicitor; and

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RESOLUTION # 41

Retirement of Russell B. Higley.
**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council February 10, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED.