



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR FRANCIS H. DUEHAY

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 1986

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- WHEREAS: This college (named for a Congregational minister of our neighboring city Charlestown, John Harvard) opened the way for higher education in America; and
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- A. The 175th anniversary of the United Church Board for World Ministries which sent Williams College and Andover Seminary graduates by sail from Salem, Massachusetts, as the nation's first overseas missionaries; and
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 - C. The 100th anniversary of the Northfield, Massachusetts Conference at which 100 students pledged their lives to overseas service, launching the Student Volunteer Movement; and
- WHEREAS: The First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, and delegates representing colleges, seminaries (including Andover Newton Theological School and Harvard Divinity School), and campus ministries related to the United Church of Christ are gathering here in Cambridge on June 25-27, 1986, to commemorate the beginning of higher education in America; therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

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1. Welcome and celebrate with participants in the national, United Church of Christ Convocation on Higher Education the Congregational founding and happy flowering of higher education in our city, commonwealth and nation.
2. Take note of the fruitful cooperation of government, church, and school which has contributed inestimable benefits for people's welfare and liberty.
3. Encourage the United Church of Christ to continue the pursuit of educational goals, values and methods which will enhance human dignity, health and opportunity.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

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