

City of Cambridge

In City Council,
March 23, 1970.

WHEREAS:-

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Francis J. Roche graduated from Boston College in 1916 and served in the United States Navy as a pilot in World War I and after the Armistice joined the Legal Department of the United States Navy and served as Judge Advocate in Bordeaux, France and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1920 prior to his graduation from Harvard Law School in June of 1921, and

WHEREAS:-

Francis J. Roche had a distinguished political career having been elected to the Cambridge School Committee in 1921 serving for four years prior to his election to the City Council where he served for eight years, and

WHEREAS:-

Francis J. Roche was an active member of the Bar of the Commonwealth who served as an Assistant Attorney General for four years in charge of the Public Utilities Division under Attorney General Francis E. Kelley and served as Trial Counsel in many important cases in which the Commonwealth was a party, and

WHEREAS:-

Francis J. Roche was active in many fraternal organizations and was elected Department Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, Commander of Hoyt Post V.F.W. and served as Judge Advocate of Cambridge Post No. 27 American Legion and was an accomplished orator who played a leading role in many Democratic State Conventions having served as a delegate and chairman of the Cambridge Democratic City Committee from 1952 to 1962, and

WHEREAS:-

The stature he attained in this city and the Commonwealth by his outstanding achievements in the field of politics and law and his keen interest in legislation designed to help the disabled veteran and to provide housing for the needy was recognized during his lifetime, therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That this City Council of the City of Cambridge does by this resolution and public record recognize the profound influence of Francis J. Roche on the community life of the City of Cambridge, recognizing further that his death is a distinct loss to the city and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and be it further

RESOLVED;-

That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Council and a copy thereof be sent to his widow, Mrs. Margaret F. Roche, in recognition of his contributions to the civic life of the City of Cambridge *and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

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