



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
March 20, 1995

VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is currently planning a new Senior Center which will bring together under one roof a number of programs and services for the elderly which have been heretofore scattered throughout the city; and

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WHEREAS: The commandment "Honor thy father and thy mother" is applied to all the elderly of our society; and

WHEREAS: Many of the city's elderly are gathered in communities of faith; and

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RESOLVED: That the Mayor and the City Council encourage religious communities in the City of Cambridge to observe Senior Sabbath in appropriate ways that they may devise and, if possible, to solicit financial support for furnishing the Senior Center, from their congregations.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Reeves, Sullivan,

Consent ORder #9

R-219

Vice Mayor Russell re: Encourage religious
communities to observe Senior Sabbath
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Order adopted.