



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 26, 1973

WHEREAS:-

Many of the residents of the University City went on last weekend to the City of New Haven, Connecticut and were shocked and saddened by the victimization of the Harvard Football Team under the tender but accurate hands of the Yale Football Team; and

WHEREAS:-

It is with deep dismay that we here in the City of Cambridge do concede the fact that Harvard did lose to the alleged Mighty El on this past Saturday by a score which shall remain nameless; and

WHEREAS:-

This City Council would be lax in its duties to the citizens of Cambridge -- particularly those in the University Community if it did not take just recognition of this latest "incident" which had the effect of shattering the very innards of many of our people; now therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That this City Council declare a National Day of Mourning in commemoration of the first week's anniversary of the "incident" on December 1, 1973, by encouraging all of the people of Cambridge to adorn themselves with black armbands in remembrance of the "incident" and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange for suitable memorial services to be held at high noon on this date and include the placing of a large black wreath at the foot of the statue of John Harvard, located in the Harvard Yard where the service is to take place; and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That all of the people of Cambridge be encouraged to attend this most significant observance and be it further

ORDERED:-

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact all churches in the City of Cambridge with the request that they toll their church bells for a fifteen minute period on this date; and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That a month's mind wake be held at the Stephen James House for the Harvard Football Team, representatives of a large group of East Cambridge supporters who went to New Haven to support the Harvard Crimson, and members of the New Haven City Council and the Cambridge City Council also be invited to attend the "wake" where it is guaranteed that no films of "THE GAME" will be shown; and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That this City Council go on record challenging the Yale Football Team to a replay of the recent "incident" to be held on neutral turf, preferably Fenway Park to be viewed only by members of both councils and a few selected observers.

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