

In City Council March 9, 1987.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

15.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 9, 1987

VICE MAYOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: John Philip Sousa, born 1854, died 1932, was American bandmaster and composer, born in Washington, D.C., and was of Portuguese descend; and
- WHEREAS: At the age of sixteen he led orchestras in variety theaters, and from 1880 to 1892 was leader of the United States Marine Corps Band. He then resigned to form his own band, which, under his direction, achieved great popularity and frequently made successful tours of the United States and Europe; and
- WHEREAS: John Philip Sousa was popularly known as "the March King" because of his many compositions in that form. Sousa's marches are generally recognized as being distinctively American, and among the best of their kind; and
- WHEREAS: His most famous marches include Semper Fidelis, Washington Post March, King Cotton, and his most popular march, Stars and Stripes; and
- WHEREAS: Congressman Tony Coelho of California has introduced into the Congress of the United States H.R. Bill 613 - Bill to designate "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the National March, written by John Philip Sousa. This buoyant and patriotic song has long been unofficially observed in the United States and throughout the world as the American March; and
- WHEREAS: The Honorable Tony Coehlo has introduced the legislation in an effort to make "Stars and Stripes Forever" official as well as to recognize the contribution which John Philip Sousa, a man of Portuguese descend, has made to the country; and
- WHEREAS: In the past year, in observance of the 100th brithday of the Statue of Liberty, we have focused on the contributions and accomplishments which immigrants and their descendants have made to this country; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council record itself as being in favor of H.R. 613 - bill to designate "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as the National March; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this City Council forward a copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Members of the U.S. Congress and Senate requesting that they co-sponsor H.R. 613 with Congressman Tony Coelho in honor of John Philip Sousa and all Portuguese-Americans in Massachusetts/U.S.A.

Order #15

S-145

VM Vellucci re: resolutions whereby the
City Council records itself as being in
favor of H.R. 613; a Bill to designate "The
Stars and Stripes Forever" as the National
March.

In City Council,

March 9, 1987

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