



City of Cambridge

MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1986

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened upon learning of the death of John M. Tobin, a lifelong Cantabrigian and former Superintendent of Schools; and
- WHEREAS: John was a 1919 graduate of Boston College, receiving a Bachelor's degree and went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from Boston University, a law degree from Suffolk University and a Doctorate in Education from Staley College; and
- WHEREAS: John entered the Cambridge School System in 1921 as a Teacher at the former Rindge Technical High School and in only seven short years was appointed Headmaster of the Haggerty School, remaining in that position until 1935 when he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools; and
- WHEREAS: The School Committee, in 1945 upon learning of the retirement of then Superintendent of Schools Michael E. Fitzgerald, immediately appointed John to fill the position, leading the school system of Cambridge for twenty-three years, a period of which saw unparalleled growth in school enrollment and building construction; and
- WHEREAS: People who did not know him well thought John had a gruff exterior; he actually possessed a large heart and strong sense of humor and compassion and spent the greatest part of his life dedicating his energies to the education of the City's children; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to Katherine Tobin, John's sister and to his three brothers, Joseph, Fred and Frank; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order # ¹⁸
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Mayor W. Sullivan, re: resolutions on the
death of John M. Tobin, lifelong resident
& former Superintendent of Schools.

In City Council,

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