



City of Cambridge

16.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 1994

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
 COUNCILLOR WALSH
 VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
 MAYOR REEVES

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WHEREAS: These officers, Lieutenant Edward Hussey, Patrol officers James DeFrancesco, Joseph Wilson, Edward J. Frammartino and Peter Neal, responded to a call of a major conflagration at Coolidge Place on October 1, 1993; and

WHEREAS: These officers, without regard for their own personal safety, undertook their mission to awaken and evacuate the building's occupants with due diligence; and

WHEREAS: This conflagration demonstrated the sense of community, decency and outpouring of compassion that is the fabric of the citizenry and staff of the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest appreciation and congratulations to **Lieutenant Edward Hussey, Officers James DeFrancesco, Joseph Wilson, Edward J. Frammartino and Peter Neal** for their actions above and beyond the call of duty; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council January 31, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

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Consent

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*John just a draft letter
you can use.*
Frank

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MEDAL OF VALOR PRESENTATION

ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, AT APPROX. 10:55 PM LT. EDWARD HUSSEY NOTIFIED CAMBRIDGE CONTROL OF A MAJOR FIRE AT COOLIDGE PLACE. LT. HUSSEY IMMEDIATELY ENTERED THE BURNING BUILDING TO ALERT SLEEPING TENANTS AND VICTIMS UNAWARE OF IMPENDING DANGER.

HEARING THE CALL FOR HELP AND RADIO TRANSMISSIONS FROM THE RADIO ROOM RESPONDING OFFICERS JAMES DEFRANCESCO, JOSEPH WILSON, PETER NEAL, AND E.J. FRAMMARTINO RUSHED TO THE SCENE AND STORIES OF HEROISM AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY ~~WENT~~ RANG THROUGH THE AIR HIGHER THAN THE FLAMES KEEPING THE OFFICERS AT BAY.

SEVERAL OFFICERS DRIVEN BACK BY FLAMES WERE FORCED TO FORM A HUMAN PYRAMID AND LIFTED OFFICER PETER NEAL TO A BACK PORCH ROOF WHERE HE REMAINED ON THE PORCH WITH SMOKE AND FLAMES AROUND HIM PASSING DOWN WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO THE OFFICERS BELOW. OFFICER WILSON AND OFFICER EJ FRAMMARTINO KICKED IN SEVERAL DOORS AND FOUND TWO YOUNG CHILDREN SLEEPING IN SEPARATE ROOMS.

OFFICER DEFRANCESCO AND LT HUSSEY CONTINUED TO PUSH OPEN DOORS AND RESCUE SLEEPING OCCUPANTS. AS FIRE RACED THROUGH THE BUILDING SOME OFFICERS FOUND THEMSELVES TRAPPED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE BUILDING FORCING THEM TO EXIT ONTO ROOFS AND EXITING DOWN LADDERS.

SEVERAL OFFICERS WERE OVERCOME WITH SMOKE INHALATION AND WERE TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL. THOSE OFFICERS WERE OFFICER DEFRANCESCO, WILSON, AND NEAL.

ON OCTOBER 1 THEIR WERE MANY HEROS WHO ENTERED THE BUILDING AND MANY HEROS WHO ASSISTED ON THE OUTSIDE. TO ALL OFFICERS THAT ASSISTED THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF CAMBRIDGE.

TO LT EDWARD HUSSEY, OFFICER JAMES DEFRANCESCO, OFFICER JOSEPH WILSON, OFFICER PETER NEAL, OFFICERS EJ FRAMMARTINO, YOUR ACTIONS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, ENTERING THE SMOKE FILLED BUILDING, AND YOUR UNSELFISH EFFORTS IN SAVING MANY LIVES, CONGRATULATIONS.

YOU WILL BE AWARDED THE MEDAL OF VALOR AND RECEIVE ONE DAY OFF WITH PAY.





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Born, Bluehay, Riccio, Ruszelle

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Sullivan, Tranta, Bell, Walsh

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Order Adopted

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