

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Ms. Gallagher and Superintendent Degou on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 12, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-43.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 12, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Ms. Lillian Gallagher from the Cambridge Police Department Operations Division brought to the attention of Superintendent David Degou a story from 1930 about a young hero named Allan T. McPherson who gave his life to aid a Cambridge Patrolman in harm's way; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Gallagher and Superintendent David Degou were so compelled by this tale of bravery and heroism that they shared this story with others at the Cambridge Police Department and began to research the story and pull together missing pieces of the puzzle until they had collectively gathered the whole story; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department Commissioner Haas saw substantive merit in the story of true bravery which was gathered and presented by Ms. Gallagher and Superintendent Degou and chose to rename the Citizen Service Award, now known as The Allan T. McPherson Citizen Service Award; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department, Ms. Gallagher, and Superintendent Degou saw fit to seek out and contact the family of Allan T. McPherson, now residing in Canada, and invite them to an awards ceremony that not only honors a local citizen in the present time but also honors their dearly passed father and family member Allan T. McPherson; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Councillors of Cambridge commend the heartfelt and professional efforts of Ms. Lillian Gallagher and Superintendent Degou, along with their colleagues at the Cambridge Police Department; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing their appreciation for the hard work, professionalism, and compassionate police work which was exemplified in the naming of the Allan T. McPherson Award and the gathering of his family across the years and miles that might bring honor to his life and healing at his sudden loss on August 4, 1930; and be it further

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Appreciation to Lillian Gallaher
and Superintendent David Degou,
Cambridge Police Department, for
their research regarding Allan T.
McPherson

**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
May 12, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED