



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor William H. Walsh

June 13, 1988

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WHEREAS: The Boston Globe has contradicted the rhetorical roar of its editorials calling for ethnic, racial and religious harmony when, in the crucible of real testing, its management could or would do no more than to say this incident was " unfortunate " but irreversible due to " contractual obligation " to the advertiser; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of this City Council go on record as expressing abhorrence not only of the article in Golf Digest but also the failure of the Globe's management to take that extra step of removing the supplement from all of its Sunday editions and by such failure, insulted a significant sector of this area's population; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is requested to prepare duly engrossed copies of this Resolution and have them delivered, within 24 hours of this Council Session, to Mr. William O. Taylor, Chairman of the Board and Publisher of The Boston Globe; Mr. Brendan Scannell, the Irish Consul in Boston; and the President of The Country Club in Brookline, MA.



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton", is written over the printed name of the City Clerk.

Order #13

S-406

C. Walsh re: resolution expressing abhorrence to the Golf Digest article entitled "The role of the Irish at The Country Club" & the failure of the Boston Globe to remove the supplement from its Sunday, June 12, 1988 edition which contained this article.

In City Council,

June 13, 1988

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C. Walsh

Order Adopted

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