



City of Cambridge

56.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 10, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 VICE MAYOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 MAYOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of
 William Perkins Homans on February 7, 1997; and

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WHEREAS: William was a Massachusetts State Representative from 1963-1965; and

WHEREAS: William was one of Boston's best known civil liberties lawyers and worked on groundbreaking cases, such as the defense of Dr. Kenneth Edelin, and the defense of Michael Ferber in the so-called Boston Five case; and

WHEREAS: William was active with the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and the American Civil Liberties Union and spent almost all of his time defending people who could not afford legal counsel; and

WHEREAS: The Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society, established in his honor, its first-ever endowed fund, to perpetuate scholarly debate on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS: William's passing will leave a void in the lives of all of his surviving friends and family, his sons William Perkins, III and Peter Parkman; his daughters Penelope Lincoln and Elizabeth Greenleaf Homans McKenna; his stepchildren Ana A. and Nicholas L. Ionnitiu; his sister Frances H. Berges; his brothers Wayne and James and his five grandchildren; and

and who loved him in return;

Bill

WHEREAS: ~~William~~ will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of **William Perkins Homans** at this time of such personal loss; 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 Homans family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*
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Family representative for City Council resolution for William P. Homans, Jr., send a copy to:

Mr. Peter P. Homans
25 Rockmont Street
Belmont, MA 02178



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WHEREAS: The Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society, established in his honor, its first-ever endowed fund, to perpetuate scholarly debate on matters of public interest; and

WHEREAS: Bill's passing leaves a great void in the lives of all of his surviving friends and family, his sons William Perkins, III and Peter Parkman; his daughters Penelope Lincoln and Elizabeth Greenleaf Homans McKenna; his stepchildren Ana A. and Nicholas L. Ionnitiu; his sister Frances H. Berges; his brothers Wayne and James and his five grandchildren; and

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NOTICES

February 7th in the
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bruary 10th at 8:00
Funeral Home, 124
IDGE (near Central
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most kindly invited.
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E. (Knightly) Wilson.
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J.S. Army Veteran.
Benedict Cemetery,
arking lot opposite

William P. Homans Jr.
lawyer, ex-state rep

William Perkins Homans
Jr. of Cambridge, a noted civil
liberties lawyer and former
state representative, died Fri-
day in Phoenix, Ariz. follow-
ing a prolonged illness. He
was 75.

Born in Boston, he was
raised in Canton. He was a
1937 graduate of South Kent
School in Connecticut, a 1941
graduate of Harvard College,
and a 1948 graduate of Har-
vard Law School.

He served in the Royal
Navy during World War II in
the Italian theatre. He trans-
ferred to the U.S. Navy in
1943 and served in the Pacific
as an officer.

He was a general counsel
for the Navy and the Export-
Import Bank in Washington
for three years before return-
ing to Boston to practice law.
He was a Democratic state
representative for the second
Middlesex District from 1963
to 1965.

Mr. Homans was one of
Boston's best known civil rights
lawyers. He worked for the en-
actment of the Fair Housing
Practices Act in Massachusetts,
helped servicemen retain de-
fense attorneys in Vietnam and
helped abolish the death pen-
alty in Massachusetts.

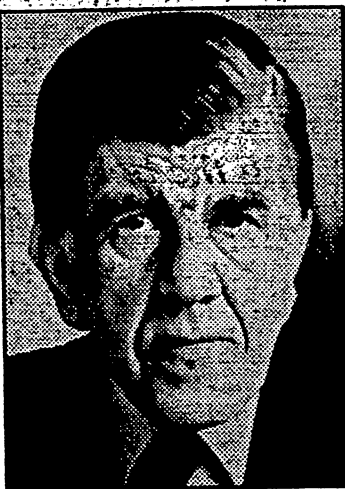
He represented Dr. Ken-
neth Edelin in a landmark fe-
tus manslaughter case tried in
1975 after the Supreme Court
decision in Roe v. Wade.

He appealed the case to
the Massachusetts Supreme
Court and had Dr. Edelin's
prior conviction reversed.

He also represented Mi-
chael Ferber in the so-called
Boston 5 trial.

"I don't think I'm Clar-
ence Darrow or anything.
People just seem to gravitate
to me," he said in a 1970 in-
terview with the Herald.

Mr. Homans was active
with the Massachusetts Law
Reform Institute and the
American Civil Liberties Un-
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WILLIAM P. HOMANS JR.

could not afford counsel.

Last November, the Su-
preme Judicial Court Histori-
cal Society established its
first-ever endowed fund in
Mr. Homans' honor.

The endowment is meant to
perpetuate scholarly debate on
matters of public interest.

"Bill had never succumbed
to bitterness or turned his back
on a client," said Superior
Court Justice Julian Houston.

Former husband of Ann
(Beecher) and Elizabeth (Pat-
tee), he is survived by two
sons, William Perkins III of
Nashoba, Okla., and Peter
Parkman of Belmont; two
daughters, Penelope Lincoln
of New Haven, Conn., and
Elizabeth Greenleaf Homans
McKenna of Phoenix; a step-
daughter, Ana Abigail Ionni-
tiu of Arlington, Va.; a step-
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Frances H. Berges of Berke-
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Wayne of Darien, Conn., and
James of Canton; and five
grandchildren.

A funeral service will be
held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in
Christ Church, Cambridge.

Burial will follow in Mil-
ton Cemetery.

Arrangements are by J.S.
Waterman and Sons-East-
man-Waring Funeral Home,
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Consent ORder #56

R-251

Councillors Triantafillou, Galluccio,
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ORDER ADOPTED