



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

IN CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 1986

- WHEREAS: Margret Rey, who, together with her late husband, H. A. (Hans), created the "Curious George" series of children's books, will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 17, 1986; and
- WHEREAS: Margret Rey was born in Hamburg, Germany, and studied at the Bauhaus in Dessau, the Academy of Art in Duesseldorf, and an art school in Berlin; and
- WHEREAS: Margret's early career involved painting, newspaper work, and copywriting, photography, and even writing singing commercials in praise of margarine; and
- WHEREAS: In later life Margret has taken up pottery, embroidery, and needlepoint; and
- WHEREAS: Margret had the distinction of being introduced to the Knesset during a tour of Israel; and
- WHEREAS: Since Hans Rey's death, Margret has kept a firm hand and watchful eye on all matters concerning their famous literary "offspring" "Curious George," involving 103 TV episodes filmed by CBS and available over cable TV; California puppets, and any number of T-shirts, stuffed toys and other "Curious George" items; and
- WHEREAS: Margret wrote and Hans illustrated this famous series; and
- WHEREAS: Their famous "Curious George Goes to the Hospital" was actually commissioned by the Children's Hospital in Boston and is still used there to make it easier for small children to overcome their fears on first entering the hospital; and
- WHEREAS: Margret is known everywhere as "Curious George's Mother," but on Hilliard Street and vicinity she is also known as an outstanding and outspoken citizen and resident - especially in regard to protecting the scale of the neighborhood - beloved by most, feared by some and respected by all; and
- WHEREAS: Hans and her books have been translated into many different languages and millions of copies have now been sold; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record as congratulating Margret Rey on the occasion of her 80th birthday; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council commend Margret Rey for the great distinction she has brought to Cambridge and wish her many more years of productivity and good health.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

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

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

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C. Duehay re: resolutions commending Margret
Rey for her work through the years on the
"Curious George" series of children's books
& congratulating her on the occasion of her
80th birthday.

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