



City of Cambridge

48.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 1991

VICE MAYOR REEVES

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- WHEREAS: Although largely educated at home, in her teens, Margaret Fuller acquired a reputation as a conversationalist and prodigy and was accepted into the intellectual society of Harvard and Cambridge; and
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- WHEREAS: Her work in this area led to the promotion of a house of refuge for discharged women convicts; and
- WHEREAS: From 1846 to 1848, at a time of tremendous turmoil and change in Europe, Margaret Fuller was appointed foreign correspondent for the Tribune, and during this time she developed friendships with many of the most important literary and political figures of England, Italy and France; and
- WHEREAS: In 1849, Margaret Fuller married Giovanni d'Ossoli, a young Roman nobleman and together they worked to further the liberal cause in Italy, becoming deeply involved in the Roman Republic of February, 1849; and
- WHEREAS: Margaret Fuller died at the age of 40 in a shipwreck and ended the lives also of her husband and infant son, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council express its deep respect for Margaret Fuller Ossoli, her work, and her life, and urge the people of this city to learn more about this Cambridge woman who, in the words of her biographer, "began as a Cambridge prodigy and ended . . . as a citizen of the world."

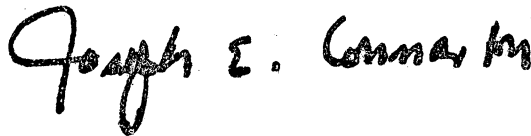
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

LATE CITY COUNCIL ORDER
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Vice Mayor Reeves resolutions on Margaret
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