



City of Cambridge

R-25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR MURPHY
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
 MAYOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOGMEY

- WHEREAS: The City Council was saddened to learn of the death of Harold Russell on February 1, 2002.
- WHEREAS: Harold Russell was the beloved husband of the late Rita Russell and leaves his wife Betty Marshallsee; and
- WHEREAS: Harold was the proud father of Gerald and Adele, both of Ashland; and
- WHEREAS: Harold was blessed with four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS: Harold Russell served as a sergeant and a demolition instructor in World War II, losing both of his hands and part of his arms in an accidental explosion while helping to train Army paratroopers in 1944; and
- WHEREAS: He later won two Academy Awards in 1946, one for best supporting actor in the film "The Best Years of Our Lives" where he played the part of Homer Parrish, a handless sailor, portraying the problems faced by returning World War II servicemen, and a second, special Academy Award for bringing aid and comfort to disabled veterans, making him the only person to ever receive two Oscars for the same acting performance; and
- WHEREAS: Harold Russell was brought up in Cambridge and graduated from Rindge Technical High School in 1938; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing condolence to the family of Harold Russell and admiration for his work on behalf of the disabled community; 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 family of Harold Russell 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, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION #25

Expressing condolence to the family of Harold Russell and admiration for his work on behalf of the disabled community.

Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership

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ORDER ADOPTED.