



City of Cambridge

36.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 31, 1997

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

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of **Harold Melvin** on Monday, March 24, 1997 at the age of fifty-seven years; and
- WHEREAS: Harold was a singer and bandleader with the band Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes; and
- WHEREAS: Harold was a Philadelphia native and was considered an instrumental force behind the Philly Soul Sound, a sound that developed in the 1970's; and
- WHEREAS: Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes are best remember for their hits such as "My Hero," "Get Out" and "I Miss You;" now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Harold Melvin 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 Melvin on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Harold Melvin Blue Notes singer and bandleader

PHILADELPHIA — Harold Melvin, who as leader of the Blue Notes molded a rough-voiced drummer named Teddy Pendergrass into a lead singer on the hits "The Love I Lost" and "If You Don't Know Me By Now," has died. He was 57.

The singer and bandleader died at his home Monday probably as a result of a stroke, his second since one in July that left him bedridden and unable to speak, his longtime doctor, Dale Sinker, said.

"I'm glad he is at peace," said Mr. Melvin's daughter, Trudy. "But I'm sorry that he's not here anymore."

Mr. Melvin's group had several hits, including "My Hero," "Get Out" and "I Miss You." But his greatest success came after he put Pendergrass out front for the Blue Notes in the early '70s.

Pendergrass led such songs as "Bad Luck," "The Love I Lost," "If You Don't Know Me By Now," and "Wake Up Everybody."

Pendergrass left the group in the mid-70s for a solo career. He was partially paralyzed in a 1982 auto accident but has continued to perform.

"I am deeply saddened. I learned a lot from my years with the Blue Notes. Mel was a great coach," Pendergrass said in a statement issued by a spokesman.

A Philadelphia native, Mr. Melvin was considered one of the major forces behind the Philly Sound, a well-orchestrated soul sound that developed in the 1970s under the auspices of Philadelphia International Records masterminds Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff.

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further

Resolved

Clerk

McLain Family

Councilman Galluccio

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Resolved:

City Clerk be and hereby is requested

to prepare a suitable resolution in the

honor of recording star Harold Melvin;

~~who helped to make the Philadelphia~~

~~soul sound famous.~~

~~and~~ Order & singer of Harold Melvin and
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Entire Membership
Consent ORder #36

R-468
Councillor Galluccio and entire
membrship re: Prepare resolution
on the death of recording star
Harold Melvin, band leader and
singer of Harold Melvin and the
Blue Notes, who helped make the
Philadelphia Soul sound famous.

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ORDER ADOPTED