



City of Cambridge

108.

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1997

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

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death at the age of 91 of **William J. Brennan, Jr.**, one of the most influential justices in the history of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS: Justice Brennan, who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1993, the nation's highest civilian honor, served on the Supreme Court for nearly 34 years, with a passionate devotion to the Constitution, most especially the Bill of Rights and the 14th and 15th Amendments, which he called "a sparkling vision of the supremacy of the human dignity of every individual;" and

WHEREAS: Justice Brennan, leader of the Supreme Court's liberal wing, wrote some of the most enduring constitutional decisions of this century and was a consistent advocate of equal protection, affirmative action and minority and women's rights, who remained unalterably opposed to capital punishment; and

WHEREAS: Justice Brennan had an extraordinary talent for coalition-building; on the Burger Court, this talent enabled him to extend and even expand upon the liberal decisions which on the Warren Court, he had been Chief Justice Warren's closest ally in crafting; even on the Rehnquist Court, his legendary coalition-building inspired the occasional liberal victory; and

WHEREAS: Justice Brennan's passing will leave a void in the lives of all of his surviving friends and family, his wife Mary (Fowler); his children William J., III, Hugh and Nancy; and his seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Justice Brennan 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 J. Brennan, Jr.** 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 Brennan 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;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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- Probably has a number already

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~~Laid the groundwork for the legalization of abortion~~
~~the Roe v. Wade; and~~

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Justice Brennan

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Councillor Galluccio re: Resolution
on the death of William J. Brennan,
Jr.

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ORDER ADOPTED