



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 23, 1998

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

WHEREAS: April 9, 1998 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Paul Robeson; and

WHEREAS: Commemorations of this truly outstanding African American man, whose genius was manifested in so many aspects of culture and society, are being planned, all over the world; and

WHEREAS: Locally, the Paul Robeson Centennial Planning Committee of Greater Boston is planning events to honor Paul Robeson and to bring to new generations an awareness of his integrity, his pioneering work for equality and social justice, his work for world peace, his magnificent contributions to art and music, and his peerless efforts to enrich the lives of all people; and

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RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation and best wishes to the Paul Robeson Centennial Planning Committee of Greater Boston as it goes forward with this exciting program to honor a magnificent American; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Paul Robeson Centennial Planning Committee of Greater Boston on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 23, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine 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

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The Paul Robeson Centennial Planning Committee of Greater Boston

c/o Abafazi Journal, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115

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Dear Friend:

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Our work is a grass-roots labor of love which is nourished by our belief that the Robeson centennial can do much not only to reawaken an awareness of Robeson, but invigorate the movement for justice and equality. We invite you to join us and to bring your ideas and energy to our effort.

We ask for your financial support. Funds are urgently needed to mount the exhibition, and to launch the symposium, concerts, curriculum, and other activities. Can we count on your help for this important observance? Please help us honor Paul Robeson for his artistic achievements and his commitment to justice for all.

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Press Release

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Thursday, April 9, 1998 marks the centennial of Paul Robeson's Birthday. A number of events are planned to honor Mr. Robeson; to bring to the new generations an awareness of his integrity, his pioneering efforts for equality and social justice, his work for world peace, his magnificent contributions to art and music and his courageous efforts to enrich the lives of all people.

Events planned for 1998 include a Schomburg exhibition on Paul Robeson, poetry presentations and a choral performance on **March 15**, at the National Center of Afro American Artists, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, MA; from **April 2-5**, a film festival at the Brattle Theatre, Boston, The Coolidge Corner Theatre, The Harvard Film Archives and the Museum of Fine Arts. On **April 5**, a concert at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St. at 11:00 a.m. Also scheduled is a Community Concert on **April 18**, at the Charles St. AME Church at 6 p.m., 551 Warren St., Dorchester; and a symposium at the Boston Public Library at the Rabb Lecture Hall on **May 9**. A fall concert is planned at the New England Conservatory of Music.

These events are being held in conjunction with the National Paul Robeson Centennial Celebration Committee.

The Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists
and
The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
in cooperation with
The Greater Boston Paul Robeson Centennial Committee
are pleased to present
PAUL ROBESON
AMERICAN HERO FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW
celebrating his one hundredth anniversary

Sunday, March 15, 1998
3:00 p.m.

featuring
Songs of Paul Robeson
Dramatic Readings from Paul Robeson
"Why We Honor Paul Robeson"
A Tribute by the Honorable Margaret Burnham
also opening

The Paul Robeson Exhibition, Music and Study Room

Music and books available for purchase

300 Walnut Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02119 617-442-8614

Directions

Via car Take Columbus Avenue outbound toward Franklin Park. At Walnut Avenue (the second light after Egleston Square), turn left. The Museum is in the third block just beyond the David A. Ellis School. Parking is available behind the Museum off Crawford Street.

Via MBTA Take Orange Line to Jackson Station. Take Bus #29 to Seaver Street at Walnut Avenue. Walk three blocks along Walnut Avenue away from the park. The Museum is adjacent to the David A. Ellis School.



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Consent Order #31 R-349

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ORDER ADOPTED