



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
April 14, 1986

MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: The late Judge John Joseph Burns was born in Cambridge in 1901, graduated from St. Paul's School in Cambridge, and Boston College High School; and
- WHEREAS: He graduated from Boston College after completing four years of academic excellence, while simultaneously holding outside employment in order to pay tuition and provide support for members of his family; and
- WHEREAS: The Heights which he loved at Boston College in Chestnut Hill were surpassed only by the heights he achieved in the unfolding of his life as a graduate and subsequent full professor at Harvard Law School; as the youngest person ever appointed to the Massachusetts Superior Court; as Chief Counsel to the Securities and Exchange Commission; as attorney in the private practice of law; as a loyal husband and good father; and
- WHEREAS: At the time of his death in 1957, the then Archbishop Richard J. Cushing said: " The reputation for intellectual integrity and competence which John Burns carried from Boston College...remains to this hour the chief memory which all who knew him will ever cherish "; and
- WHEREAS: John Burns, as a Friend of the Library at Boston College, planted the seed of an entity which would provide for preservation and purchase of original manuscripts at Boston College; and
- WHEREAS: The family and friends of Judge John Joseph Burns have nurtured the growth of that seed by contributing mightily to the funds necessary to build and equip The John J. Burns Library for Rare Books and Special Collections at Boston College, which will be dedicated on April 22, 1986; be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record as noting April 22, 1986 as a special day in the City of Cambridge as praise is given to the personal and professional stature of one of its sons; 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 the late Judge John Joseph Burns on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 14, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order # 10 S-243

Mayor W. Sullivan re: resolutions noting
April 22, 1986 as a special day in memory
of the late Judge John Joseph Burns of Cam-
bridge, whose Library for Rare Books and
Special Collections at Boston College will
be dedicated on this date.

In City Council,

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