

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Junot Diaz on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 12, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 12, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Junot Diaz was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and immigrated to the United States at age six and now resides as our friend and neighbor in Cambridge, Massachusetts and is a Professor in the Humanities Department at M.I.T. and Fiction Editor for the Boston Review; and

WHEREAS: Junot Diaz's is a regular contributor to the New Yorker Magazine and was named by the magazine as one of the top twenty writers of the 21st century; and in addition has been published in Story, the Paris Review, and African Voices; and was also included four times (1996, 1997, 1999 and 2000) in the yearly anthology entitled The Best American Short Stories;

WHEREAS: Junot Diaz is also best known for his two major works: Drown which was a collection of short stories and most recently his first novel: The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao which has received the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. The novel was also selected by *Time and New York Magazine* as the best novel of 2007; and

WHEREAS: This novel highlights the challenges of bi-directional migration for immigrant Dominican Families and celebrates with grace and good humor the trials and triumphs of the immigrant Dominican Family; and

WHEREAS: Junot Diaz now joins in the illustrious pantheon of Cambridge writers whose work and craft blended history and story telling to create a powerful testimony to the human spirit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record extending its congratulations to Junot Diaz for winning the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and celebrates his strong Latino voice and vision here at home and throughout the world. ¡ Felicidades!; and be it further

RESOLUTION #29

Congratulations to Junot Diaz for
winning the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for
Fiction

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

**In City Council
May 12, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED