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BERT VAN UITERT

To know Bert van Uiter is to know a man of the highest integrity and the strongest desire to be of service to others -- his family, community, church, and profession. Service as practiced by Bert is not show or pomp, but hundred of little kindnesses.

Bert grew up in an atmosphere provided by hard-working, Dutch emigrant parents who taught him correct principles by example. He served in the Army during World War II, and returned to his home to complete his undergraduate degree at the University of Utah in 1947. During these years he found his life-long companion, LuAnne, easily his match for hard work and generosity.

Following graduate studies at Columbia University, Bert was employed at the Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, N. J., and the B. F. Goodrich Company in Arkon, Ohio, before moving to Boston in 1958. There he began a career at New England Life Insurance Company, rising from Manager of Marketing Research to Second Vice President in 1969. He enjoys his professional work so much that he often says he can't believe he actually gets paid to do it.

Since arriving in Boston, Bert has been devoted to church and community service, most of it with organizations located in Cambridge. His work with the Cambridge Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located on Brattle Street, Boy Scout Troop 96 sponsored by that church, and the Cambridge Council, Boy Scouts of America are legendary.

From 1962 to 1967, Bert served as Bishop of the Cambridge Ward, not only as the spiritual leader of over 600 church members, but also in guiding the efforts of others to serve their neighbors through a women's

organization and children and youth programs. For example, the women's group he served published a successful book for new arrivals to the Boston area, one of the first real "how-to" guides, entitled A Beginner's Boston. During this period his two sons were teenagers learning, of course, to give and to serve by his example. Both became Eagle Scouts.

It is not surprising that following his period of leadership of the congregation, he accepted a position within the organization, that of Scoutmaster of Troop 96. He has been actively involved in leadership positions in Scouting for 16 years. The measure of his impact is that the boys, Scouters, parents, programs, and organizations are always better as a result of his involvement.

As Scoutmaster he not only helped several boys reach the Eagle rank, but more importantly, he taught the boys to work, teach, and organize on their own. He was their "shadow leader" who allowed boys to learn by doing, even with occasional failures. This position as Scoutmaster was the beginning of his continuing presence at Camp Quinapoxet from Winter Klondikes to Summer Camp.

Because his troop was so successful, he was asked to organize and supervise the organization and improvement of five other troops in the Boston area sponsored by his church. Through his leadership, Scoutmasters were trained and troop committees organized. He became more and more active in the Cambridge Council and was responsible for having the five troop charters registered with the Council.



City of Cambridge

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COUNCILLOR WALTER SULLIVAN

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 1985

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Bert Van Uitert, a long time supporter and active Scoutmaster with the Cambridge Council of Boy Scouts, will be honored by the Scouts on Sunday, July 14, 1985 at Camp Quinapoxet; and
- WHEREAS: Bert is a man of high integrity and possesses a strong desire to be of service to his family, community, church and profession, always making himself available to provide assistance to anyone; and
- WHEREAS: Bert served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army and upon being honorably discharged, returned home to complete his undergraduate work at Columbia University; moving to Boston in 1958 to begin a career at New England Life Insurance Company, being promoted several times prior to reaching his current position of Second Vice President; and
- WHEREAS: Along with his tireless efforts with the Cambridge Council serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 96, he has also devoted much of his time to church and community service, serving as Bishop of the Cambridge Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1962 to 1967, providing spiritual leadership to over 600 church members; and
- WHEREAS: As a Scoutmaster he not only helped several boys reach Eagle rank, but more importantly, taught the boys to work, teach and organize themselves independently and because of his leadership, Bert was asked to organize and improve five other troops within the Boston area and was solely responsible for having all five of those troop charters registered with the Cambridge Council; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its sincere appreciation to Bert Van Uitert for his dedication, sincerity and outstanding leadership provided so generously to the Cambridge Council of Boy Scouts; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Bert on behalf of the entire City Council.

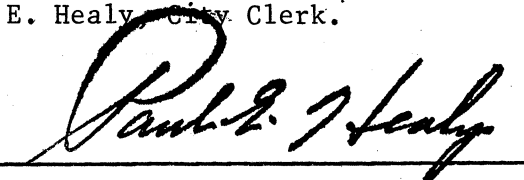
In City Council June 24, 1985.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


 Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order # 23

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C.W. Sullivan re: resolutions on Bert Van
Uitert, long time supporter & active Scout-
master of the Cambridge Council of Boy
Scouts being honored by the Scouts on Sun-
day, July 14, 1985.

In City Council,

June 24, 1985

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