



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2002

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Leroy Anderson, the legendary American Composer of Light Concert Music, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on June 29, 1908; and

WHEREAS: He was the son of Swedish immigrants; and

WHEREAS: Leroy Anderson is best known for his works *Sleigh Ride*, *The Syncopated Clock* and *Blue Tango*; and

WHEREAS: Leroy earned his BA and MA in Music from Harvard University, where he later directed the band from 1931-1935; and

WHEREAS: While directing the band, his clever arrangements were brought to the attention of Arthur Fiedler, director of the Boston Pops, who encouraged him to write original compositions for the renowned orchestra; and

WHEREAS: In 1938 Leroy wrote his first composition for the Pops entitled *Jazz Pizzicato*; and

WHEREAS: Leroy entered the United States Army in 1942 the same year he married Eleanor Firke; and

WHEREAS: Leroy served his country in Iceland and as the Chief of Scandinavian Desk for the Military Intelligence Service in Washington, DC the post from which he was discharged at the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS: Leroy and his wife Eleanor are the parents of four beautiful children: Jane, Eric, Rolf and Kurt; and

WHEREAS: Leroy and Eleanor were blessed with three beautiful grandchildren: Anders and Lars Vercelli and Ivan Anderson; and

WHEREAS: In 1945 Leroy Anderson conducted the Boston Pops in premieres of *Promenade* and *Syncopated Clock* and from 1946-1950 he was its orchestrator and arranger; and

WHEREAS: His recording of *Blue Tango* went Gold in the year 1952; and

WHEREAS: His one and only musical, which he composed with Jean and Walter Kerr, *Goldilocks*, opened in New York City on October 11, 1958; and

WHEREAS: In 1988 Leroy Anderson was posthumously inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and Harvard University named its new band quarters, Anderson Band Center in his honor in 1995; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Chatham Street and Crawford Street as Leroy Anderson Square in memory of this talented gentleman and proclaim Saturday, May 31, 2003 as Leroy Anderson Day in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

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

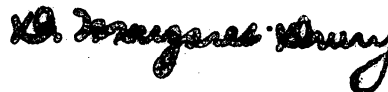
In City Council November 18, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury", written over a horizontal line.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

✓ DONE 5/27

5/27
6:10 a.m.

Dennis

5/30

REPLACE from NOVEMBER 18, 2002 I need 1 copy for Friday morning

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ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Crawford Street and Chatham Street be named "Leroy Anderson Square"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the Mayor be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

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D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Street and Chatham Street to be
named "Leroy Anderson Square."
Mayor Sullivan

In City Council November 18, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.