



# City of Cambridge

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 2003

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

WHEREAS: Everton Clairmont Johnson was born in Barbados on October 5, 1899 to Abel Johnson and Christianna Layne. He was the youngest of five children born to this union; and

WHEREAS: Everton came to this country on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1921; and

WHEREAS: Everton joined St. Paul A.M.E. Church one week after his arrival. He became a steward one week after joining the church. He became a trustee under Reverend John Bryant in 1974. He was also a Sunday School Superintendent. He was a Forrester and also the Secretary/Treasurer of the West Indian Aid Association; and

WHEREAS: Everton worked for George H. Ellis Printing, Simplex Wire and Cable, and also Court Square Press. He taught printing to Special Needs Children at the Jewish Center; and

WHEREAS: Everton was a Foster Grandparent at the Martin Luther King Elementary School in Cambridge under Charles Stead, Principal, where he assisted with their reading skills; and

WHEREAS: Everton was one of the founding fathers of Cambridge Community Center; and

WHEREAS: In June, 1929, Everton married Eugenie H. (Morris). In June, 1981, he married Elizabeth (Anderson). He had nine fine children, Elaine (Herbert) Dodson, Curtis Thompson, Olga C., Everton M., Norma E. Boxill, Leonard C., Owen A., Kenneth A., Stanley G. (Tiny), seventeen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren, six stepchildren and four step-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS: Of Everton Clairmont Johnson, it may truly be said:

This was the citizen articulate. There is a voice that all men hear, but not all answer, bidding rectitude of deed as well as thought. Our times are desperate enough, and if there should not live beyond the passing of the one some urgency to grasp the moment as our own, and speak as conscience bids, we shall have failed the promise destiny has brought...

There is a breath and spirit knows, and in its vastness flies---on wings that know no limits---above the walls of creed;

There is a patient dedication to the quietness of truth;

There is a responsibility to man, that knows no fear;

There is a rugged and a free determination of the intellect and heart;

There is a gentle laughter that can turn the cruel word;

There is a hope that keeps men free;

These things he knew; these things we cherish, to pass on, unsullied, as inheritance.

-George C. Whitney

now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record naming the corner of Magee and Putnam Avenue as

**Everton C. Johnson Square**

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Everton C. Johnson at the dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 28, 2003.

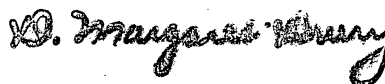
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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ORDERED: That the City Council go on record naming the corner of Magee and Putnam Avenue  
Everton Clairmont Johnson Square in honor of a revered Cantabrigian who continues to  
be fondly remembered in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council February 24, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style.

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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**ORDER # 13**

Naming the corner of Magee and  
Putnam Avenue Everton  
Clairmont Johnson Square.  
**Councillor Reeves**

**In City Council February 24, 2003**

**ORDER ADOPTED.**