



City of Cambridge

21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 19, 1992

MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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WHEREAS: The First Baptist Church was an advocate for the assimilation and acceptance of immigrants into the life of the City of Cambridge, providing English and Bible classes at the church; and

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WHEREAS: For as long as memory recalls hymns have rung out from the church's bell tower and its clock has steadfastly provided the time of day; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, I Kenneth E. Reeves, Mayor and the Cambridge City Council, do hereby acknowledge and commend the First Baptist Church for rendering 175 years of distinctive and outstanding contributions to the progress and enhancement of the Cambridge community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That October 18, 1992 be proclaimed First Baptist Church Recognition Day in the City of Cambridge and urge all citizens to join in the spirit of celebration.

In City Council October 19, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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CONSENT ORDER #21

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Order Adopted