



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 1991

VICE MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The role of African American studies in higher education provides crucial interdisciplinary perspectives, helping to bridge what has historically been a serious intellectual gap among academic specialties; and

WHEREAS: Henry Louis Gates, Jr. last week accepted an appointment as Chairman of Harvard University's Afro-American Studies department, as well as a professorship in Harvard's English department, and as Director of the Dabs Institute of Afro-American Research; and

WHEREAS: Professor Gates is the nation's pre-eminent scholar in the field of Afro-American literature, and the person considered to have the necessary talent and energy to bring the Afro-American Studies department back from near-oblivion; and

WHEREAS: Professor Gates' distinguished career includes an assistant professorship at Yale, as well as tenured positions at both Cornell University and Duke University; and

WHEREAS: Under Professor Gates' leadership, Afro-American studies can earn the respect at Harvard that it deserves; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council extend its congratulations to Harvard University on the appointment of Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and offers a warm welcome to Professor Gates, wishing him the greatest success in re-energizing this important academic department.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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Vice Mayor Reeves resolutions on
Henry Louis Gates, Jr. to his position
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