



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 1981

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: Margaret Fuller, famed 19th Century Feminist, was a social critic, author and Transcendentalist; a woman who personified the spirit of reform and was ahead of her times and is just now coming into her own; and
- WHEREAS: Margaret Fuller was born in Cambridge in 1810 and was subject to a disciplined education usually reserved for men, she was the first woman to speak out for the American Indian and for the immigrants - the Irish, the Italians, the Dutch, the Swedes, the Germans, etc. crying out for the preservation of our beautiful land, therefore being one of the first to raise issues of ecology; and
- WHEREAS: She worked for American involvement and recognition of the Italian Republic and called for an American Ambassador to Italy, she cautioned Americans to remember that "Mankind is one and beats with one great heart"; and
- WHEREAS: Laurie James as Margaret Fuller in "Still Beat Noble Hearts" the American years has the following to say: "May we recall the famous words of Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, when she wrote to him in 1776" --"Remember the ladies... If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to form a Rebellion ... " Laurie James further says "Women as well as men should be honored by having streets named after them - and what more appropriate figure than Margaret Fuller Ossoli who began life in Cambridge in 1810 and brought distinction and esteem to womankind and all humanity throughout the world"; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the intersection of Mason Street and Garden Street be named the Marchessa Margaret Fuller Ossoli Square in honor of Cambridge-born Margaret Fuller.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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C. Vellucci resolutions on Margaret Fuller.

In City Council,

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