

Mayor Walter F. Sullivan

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Dec. 28, 1987

whereas:

Two of Harvard Square's oldest business establishments close their doors this week as a result of changing tastes, lifestyles and economic pressures, and

whereas:

Covocan's department store and the Harvard Veleberia, a small shoe store, have been operating in Harvard Square for many years, building a clientele <sup>up</sup> of neighborhood residents, students and professors based upon their small-town style of friendliness and service, and

whereas:

Both businesses were started by family members and operated in recent years by the sons of the family; ~~at~~ Nick Nicholas's father Naum opened the shoe store in 1928 and Corcoran's was started in 1881 in Central Square by ~~the late Paul Corcoran~~, the current owner's late grandfather and the family later branched into Harvard Square in 1952, and

whereas:

The closing of these two <sup>longtime</sup> family

businesses represent an end of an era in

the Harvard Square community which will be

felt not only by the surrounding  
businesses and neighborhood, but by  
so many of their customers to whom  
these stores provided tremendous service.  
Now therefore be it

Resolved:

That this City Council go on record  
expressing its deep appreciation for their long  
and valued service to the ~~East~~ community  
to Paul Cervenak, owner of Cervenak's department  
store and to Nick Nukoles, owner of the Harvard  
Valetaria and to further extend to them every  
good wish in their future endeavours, and

Let it further

Resolved:

That the City Clerk be and  
he/she is requested to forward a  
suitably engrossed copy of this resolution  
to each gentleman on behalf of the entire  
City Council.



# City of Cambridge

## 4. IN CITY COUNCIL

December 28, 1987

MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: Two of Harvard Square's oldest business establishments close their doors this week as a result of changing tastes, lifestyles and economic pressures; and
- WHEREAS: Corcoran's department store and the Harvard Valetaria, a small shoe store, have been operating in Harvard Square for many years, building a clientele of neighborhood residents, students and professors based upon their small-town style of friendliness and service; and
- WHEREAS: Both businesses were started by family members and operated in recent years by the sons of the family; Nick Nicholas's father Naum opened the shoe store in 1928 and Corcoran's was started in 1881 in Central Square by the current owner's late grandfather and the family later branched into Harvard Square in 1956; and
- WHEREAS: The closing of these two long-time family businesses represent an end of an era in the Harvard Square community which will be felt not only by the surrounding businesses' and neighborhood, but by so many of their customers to whom these stores provided a tremendous service; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deep appreciation for their long and valued service to the community to Paul Corcoran, owner of Corcoran's Department Store and to Nick Nicholas, owner of the Harvard Valetaria and to further extend to them every good wish in their future endeavors; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to each gentleman on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 28, 1987.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

*Joseph E. Connarton*  
Joseph E. Connarton, City Celrk.

Order # 4

S-753

Mayor W. Sullivan re: resolutions on the  
closing of Corcoran's Dept. Stroe & the  
Harvard Valetaria in Harvard Square after  
many years in the community.

In City Council,

December 28, 1987

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