



City of Cambridge

R-41

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 23, 2002

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Philippe Wamba on September 11, 2002; and

WHEREAS: Philippe was a noted writer and the Editor in Chief of African.Com from 1999 to March 2002; and

WHEREAS: Philippe was born on June 3, 1971 in California, the son of Ernest Wamba dia Wamba, an economist and leader of a freedom movement in his home country of Democratic Republic of Congo and his wife Elaine (Brown) of Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS: Philippe grew up in the Boston area and then in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, a bicultural upbringing that he described in *Kinship: A Family's journey in Africa and America*, an acclaimed book that was a finalist for the prestigious Penn/Martha Albrand Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS: Philippe's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving friends and family, his parents Elaine and Ernest Wambsa dia Wamba, his brothers Kolo and James and his vast extended family in the US and Africa; and

WHEREAS: Philippe will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to all of Wamba dia Wamba at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESSOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Wamba dia Wamba family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

T2-1230

RESOLUTION # 41

Resolution on the death of
Philippe Wamba.
**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

In City Council September 23, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.