



City of Cambridge

R-103.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2007

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Donnell Patterson will be honored by St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 25, 2007; and

WHEREAS: Donnell has served as the Minister of Music at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cambridge for more than fifteen years; and

WHEREAS: For more than fifteen years, Donnell was a music educator in the Cambridge Public Schools, where he also served as Acting Director of Music; and

WHEREAS: Donnell owned a GNE Music Studio and co-manages GNE Productions, a Black history programs and events company, formerly located in Cambridge for more than thirteen years; and

WHEREAS: Donnell received a master's degree from Harvard University and is completing a doctoral degree at Leslie University; and

WHEREAS: For many years Donnell produced or co-produced "Joyful Noise", an annual Cambridge Martin Luther King gospel music celebration held at Harvard's Sanders Auditorium, and he continues to produce the annual Cambridge River Festival's "Gospel Tent"; and

WHEREAS: Donnell is the recipient of many awards including the coveted New England Conservatory Gospel Music Award; and

WHEREAS: Donnell is co-producer of the New England Conservatory Gospel Jubilee, co-coordinator of the New England Conservatory Gospel Music Institutes, director of the New England Conservatory Community Gospel Choir and founding music director and co-coordinator of the New England Conservatory's 100 plus voices Millennium Gospel Choir; and

WHEREAS: Donnell is the composer of several songs, three of which continue to touch the hearts of multi-cultural, ethic, and generational audiences and congregations, "*Marvelous*" "*Knock*" (and the Door Shall Be Opened)" and his tribute to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King "*I Have a Dream Today*"; and

WHEREAS: Donnell is an accomplished educator, composer, conductor, master of ceremonies, lecturer, workshop leader, administrator, vocalist, organist, and pianist who excels in communicating with children of all ages, adults, and particularly with seniors with whom he always gives love, honor and respect; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Donnell Patterson on his upcoming recognition by the St. Paul AME Church and community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Sunday, March 25, 2007 be declared Donnell Patterson Day in Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Donnell Patterson on behalf of the entire City Council.

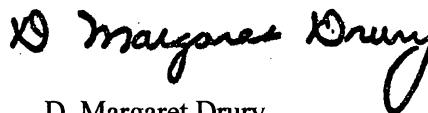
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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City Clerk

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**Councillor Simmons and entire
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**In City Council
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ORDER ADOPTED