



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 1997

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: As noted by James Carroll in his eloquent tribute to **Anthony Lewis** in the April 1, 1997 Boston Globe, for more than four decades Mr. Lewis has embodied the prophetic function of the press in a free society; and

WHEREAS: From the McCarthy era, when stories that Mr. Lewis wrote as a reporter for the Washington Daily News contributed to the breaking of the era's climate of intimidation and led to the first of his two Pulitzer prizes in 1955, to his coverage of the civil rights movement and the Supreme Court for the New York Times, to his story of the horrific Christmas bombing of North Vietnam in 1972, and to his March 1997 New York Times Magazine cover story about Nelson Mandela, Anthony Lewis has been a clear and compelling voice for freedom, fairness and equality; and

WHEREAS: Anthony Lewis' first book, *Gideon's Trumpet*, the story of the landmark Supreme Court case of defendant Clarence Earl Gideon that guaranteed the right to legal counsel regardless of ability to pay, exemplifies Mr. Lewis' lifelong commitment to the rights of the poor; and

WHEREAS: In his book, Mr. Lewis used the Biblical analogy of the defeat of the armed Midianites by trumpet-bearing Hebrews led by Gideon to depict the triumph of the trumpet of the law; and

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RESOLVED: That on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing its appreciation and gratitude to **Anthony Lewis**, and its best wishes for a happy birthday and for many more years of health, happiness and writing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to **Anthony Lewis** 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 cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

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Born Davis, Galluccio, Reeves, Russell
Consent Order #14 Toomey + Tranter

Councillor Duehay re: Appreciation
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ORDER ADOPTED