



City of Cambridge

13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 27, 1997

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

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council was deeply saddened to learn of the death of former **Senator Paul E. Tsongas** on January 18, 1997, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS: Paul Efthemios Tsongas, along with his twin sister Thaleia, was born in Lowell on February 14, 1941, the son of Greek immigrants who owned and operated a dry-cleaning establishment in Lowell, where Paul worked after school; and

WHEREAS: Senator Tsongas graduated from Dartmouth College and Yale Law School and was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia and the West Indies; and

WHEREAS: Paul Tsongas first became a candidate for public office in 1968 when he successfully ran for City Councillor in Lowell; in 1972 he took his first step to broadening his political career beyond the boundaries of Lowell, with his successful election to the Middlesex County Commission, with an election campaign still remembered by many Cantabrigians who began their work and support for him at this time; and

WHEREAS: In 1994, at the age of 33, Paul Tsongas was elected to the U.S. Congress to represent the Lowell area by a 61 percent vote; and in 1978 Paul Tsongas defeated incumbent Edward Brooke to become the junior Senator from Massachusetts in a "trademark Tsongas campaign that combined an early start, ideologically distinctive positions and self-deprecating humor;" and

WHEREAS: In 1983, Senator Tsongas began the battle with cancer that would ultimately claim his life after many treatments, remission and rehabilitation, faced with much personal bravery; in 1983 he declined to run for re-election and thereafter become a law partner at Foley, Hoag and Eliot; and

WHEREAS: After his doctors gave him permission to resume a political career in 1991, Senator Tsongas announced his candidacy for President of United States, at a time when George Bush was enjoying a popularity that most thought would bring re-election; he was the first to announce that he would take on the challenge that ultimately led to the 1992 change to the first Democratic President in sixteen years; and

WHEREAS: Senator Tsongas was a man of courage and brilliance, who spoke what others feared to say, went where others feared to go, and always made a difference; and

WHEREAS: Senator Tsongas had very personal connections to many in the Cambridge community, and his loss is felt as almost akin to the loss of a native son of the City; and

WHEREAS: Senator Tsongas' passing will leave a void in the lives of all of his surviving friends and family, his wife Niki, and his three daughters Ashley, Katina and Molly; and

WHEREAS: Senator Tsongas 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 the family of **Paul E. Tsongas** at this time of such personal loss; 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 the Tsongas family 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;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Triantafyllou, Gall

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Consent ORder #13

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Councillors Sullivan, Davis, Triantafillou
Galluccio, Mayor Russell, Councillor
Reeves and entire membership re: REsolution
on the death of Senator Paul Tsongas.

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ORDER ADOPTED