



OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR

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CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

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IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 29, 1986

Alfred E. Vellucci
Vice Mayor

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Mayor
1970 - 1971
1976 - 1977
1982 - 1983

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR ALFRED E. VELLUCCI, SEPTEMBER 29, 1986

- WHEREAS: The SS Cosma and Damiano Society of Cambridge and Somerville will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on October 4, 1986 in the Caruso Diplomat in Saugus, Massachusetts, where the members, their families and friends will gather; and
- WHEREAS: The SS Cosma and Damiano Society became organized in 1926 by the early immigrants from Gaeta, Italy and the surrounding towns and villages who crossed the Atlantic to come to the new land and settle in Cambridge and Somerville; and
- WHEREAS: They banded together, these early immigrants, for the purpose of sisterhood and brotherhood, to cling together as one and find community, comfort and a sense of family here in this new place, this new world where they were separated from their homeland and the loved ones who inevitably were left behind; and
- WHEREAS: The Society created a sense of community here in the streets of Cambridge and Somerville by recreating that heartfelt ritual of the homeland; the two day feast and a procession that honored the patron Saints, SS Cosma and Damiano; and
- WHEREAS: Thus a ritual was born in America that continues, every September, right up to the present; a Feast that brought people together, that made them feel at home though they were away from home; that made them feel understood though they lived in a land whose new language they did not understand; a Feast that said to those young immigrant families - "Though you left your homes, still, you are home;" therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Cambridge go on record congratulating the members of the SS Cosma and Damiano Society, past and present, on this the occasion of their 60th Anniversary. God Bless you. God Bless your tradition and God Bless the work you have done.

In City Council September 29, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

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VM Vellucci re: resolutions congratulating
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In City Council,

September 29, 1986

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