



City of Cambridge

20.

IN CITY COUNCIL
June 27, 1994

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **VERA BALLARD** after a struggle with cancer; and

WHEREAS: **VERA BALLARD** was a strong and able woman, who in living her life adhered to the principle that the world should be left a better place than one has found it, and who manifested this principle in all of her undertakings; and

WHEREAS: Born in Roxbury, **VERA BALLARD** graduated from Brown University and received a certificate for special study in administration and management from Cambridge's Harvard University; and

WHEREAS: **VERA BALLARD** spent most of her professional career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she began as a personnel officer and an administrator in 1978, with promotions to administrative officer at the Whitaker College of Health Sciences and Technology in 1983 and to assistant director in 1987; and

WHEREAS: **VERA BALLARD** contributed to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in innumerable ways, having served as a member of the M.I.T. Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, the M.I.T. Medical Consumer Council, and the National Council of University Research Administrators; and

WHEREAS: Her manifold contributions to the M.I.T. Community were recognized in 1982, when she was awarded a Black Achievers Award; and

WHEREAS: **VERA BALLARD** was a great and active leader in the Cambridge community outside of her position at M.I.T.; and

WHEREAS: Among many examples of this dedication to our community are her service on the Board of Trustees, the membership committee and the program committee of the Cambridge Family YMCA; and

- WHEREAS: She served as chairperson of the YMCA's Phase II Master Planning Renovations Committee, her many contributions to the Cambridge Family YMCA and the Greater Cambridge community being recognized with her receipt of the 1992 Volunteer of the Year Award; and
- WHEREAS: Ever moving forward into new and exciting ventures, **VERA BALLARD** established the Balanced Fitness Corporation in 1993, designing customized fitness and personal training programs for individuals aged forty and older; and
- WHEREAS: Any individual who ever witnessed her warm smile or benefitted from her kind heart will surely miss this inspiring, this gifted, this beautiful woman; and
- WHEREAS: **VERA BALLARD** has left behind many who loved her, including her husband Charles, her mother Helen Wade Johnson, a sister Alyce Johnson, a brother, Henry Johnson, a sister-in-law Naja Johnson, and countless other relatives and friends; and
- WHEREAS: The light which we lost on June 17 still burns in all of our hearts; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That I, Kenneth E. Reeves, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, and this Cambridge City Council, do hereby offer our deepest condolences to the family of **VERA BALLARD** at this time of profound loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is ordered to present a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

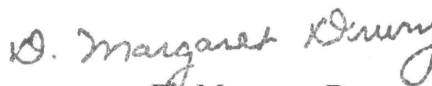
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

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Born, Myers, Reeves, Sullivan
Toomey, Triantafyllou,

Consent Order #20

R-472

Mayor Reeves re: Resolution on the death
of Vera Ballard.

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Order adopted.