



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This day the City Council honors a brave departed son of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: John F. Reilly, Sr. was born on August 3, 1925; he was a lifelong Cambridge resident, a United States Army Air Force veteran of World War II and a retired lieutenant of the Cambridge Fire Department; and

WHEREAS: After completing an accelerated program, John graduated from Rindge Technical High School in February, 1944 and immediately entered military service as a member of the United States Army Air Force, where he served as an aerial gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress; and

WHEREAS: Stationed at Grafton-Underwood Field in England as a member of the Eighth Air Force, 384th Bombardment Group, First Bomb Division, Squadron H3505, Staff Sergeant Reilly flew on 35 combat missions, logging more than 500 flying hours and more than 300 hours of combat time. He flew in missions over enemy-occupied Central Europe and Germany, including Berlin; and

WHEREAS: John was awarded three Bronze Stars (the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe) and the European Theatre of Operations Air Medal (with five clusters). He was discharged on October 26, 1945; and

WHEREAS: John was a member of the Cambridge Fire Department for thirty-six years, assigned to Engine 6 for much of that time. He retired on April 13, 1990, as a lieutenant; and

WHEREAS: On August 28, 1955 John married the love of his life, Dolores R. (Matarazzo) at Saint Polycarps Church in Somerville; and

WHEREAS: The marriage of John and Dolores was blessed with three fine children, John F. Reilly, Jr., Dennis J. Reilly and the late Margaret Ann Reilly; and

WHEREAS: As the children grew up and started families of their own, John became the proud grandfather of Kaitlyn, John F., III, Timothy, Allysa, Patrick and Erin Marie Reilly; and

WHEREAS: John was a faithful parishioner at Saint Peter's Church; and

WHEREAS: John passed away on October 29, 2000; and

WHEREAS: John loved his family, his city and his country; he served them all with honor, love and bravery; and all three were the better for his life; now therefore be it

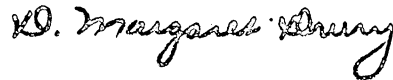
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Garden Street and Huron Avenue as "Lieutenant John F. Reilly, Sr. Square;" and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution for presentation at the dedication ceremony on September 16, 2001 on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 4, 2001.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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son of Cambridge; and

W/A John F. Reilly, Sr. was born on August 3, 1925;
he was a lifelong Cambridge resident ~~posts~~, a
U.S. Army ~~Air Force~~ Force Veteran ~~and a~~ of
World War II and a retired lieutenant
of the Cambridge Fire Department; and

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graduated from Rudge Technical High School in
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W/A The marriage of John and Dolores was blessed with three fine children, ~~for the~~ John F. Reilly, Jr., Dennis D. Reilly and the late Margaret Ann; and

W/A As ~~the~~ ^{the} children grew up and started families of their own John ~~and~~ ~~Dolores~~ ^{became} the proud grandfather of Kaitlyn, John F. ~~Reilly, III~~, Timothy, Allegra, Patrick and Erin Marie Reilly; and

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ORDERED: That this City Council go on record dedicating a site in the area of Taylor Square, in the vicinity of the Fire House, in honor of John Reilly; and be it further

ORDERED: That a suitable dedication ceremony be held after consultation with the family by the Assistant to the City Council and a suitable sign be prepared by the Public Works Department.

In City Council June 4, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

9/16/01

Dedication Information

2001 AUG 16 A 11:23

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
CAPITOL BUILDING, MASSACHUSETTS

1) Full Name: JOHN F. Reilly SR.

2) Important Nickname:

JOHN

3) Date & Place of Birth:
8/13/25 SOMERVILLE, MASS.

4) Date of Death, if applicable:
10/29/2000

5) Full Name of Spouse:
DOLORES R. Reilly

6) Date & Place of Marriage:
8/28/55 ST. PETER'S SOMERVILLE, MASS.

7) Full names of Children:
MARGARET ANN Reilly (DECEASED)
JOHN F. Reilly JR.
DENNIS J. Reilly

8) Children's Spouses (Optional):

CAROLYN Reilly
JUDITH Reilly
DENNIS Reilly
JOHN Reilly JR.

9) Grandchildren - (Names or Total Number, if more appropriate):

KAITLYN Reilly ALLYSA Reilly
JOHN F. Reilly III PATRICK Reilly
TIMOTHY Reilly ERIN MARIE Reilly

10) Great-Grandchildren - (Names or Total Number, if more appropriate):

None

11) Military Services: SEE OBIT. ATTACHED

12) Employment:

AMB. FIRE FIGHTER LT.

13) Church/Community Involvement:

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CAMB. ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

14) Hobbies/Special Events or Memories:

15) Other:

John F. Reilly Sr.

Retired Cambridge firefighter

John F. Reilly Sr. died Oct. 29, 2000, at Cambridge Hospital after a brief illness. He was 75.

Mr. Reilly was a lifelong resident of Cambridge. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II and a retired lieutenant of the Cambridge Fire Department.

After completing an accelerated program, he graduated from Rindge Tech in February 1944. He entered military service Feb. 26, 1944, as a member of the U.S. Army Air Force. Following a short stint on B-24s, Staff Sgt. Reilly trained on B-17s and served as an aerial gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

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He was a member of the Cambridge Fire Department for 36 years, assigned to Engine 6 for much of that time. He retired on April 13, 1990, as a lieutenant.

He was the husband of Dolores (Matarazzo) Reilly; father of John F. Jr., a sergeant with the Massachusetts State Police, and his wife, Carolyn, of West Bridgewater, Dennis J. and his wife, Judi, of Dracut, and the late Margaret Ann Reilly; brother of Francis J. and his wife, Dorothy, of Cambridge, and Margaret Farley and her husband, Edward, of Winchester; and grandfather of Kaitlyn, John, Timothy, Alyssa and Patrick. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 2 at St. Peter's Church, with burial at Cambridge Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Hickey Funeral Home in Cambridge.

Donations in Mr. Reilly's memory may be made to the Cambridge Fireman's Relief Fund, 167 Lexington St., Cambridge, MA 02138.



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DATE:

5-30-01

TIME:

3:57

COUNCILLOR:

Sullivan

BIRTHDAY:

BIRTH:

DEATH:

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ANNIVERSARY:

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Message taken by:

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