

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge welcomes to One Proud Family our friend and guest Sarah S. Brannen, author and illustrator of children's books, most recently Uncle Bobby's Wedding. Sarah's lovely new work, Uncle Bobby's Wedding, tells the sweet story of a young guinea pig named Chloe, Bobby's niece, who is in a bit of a tizzy because her beloved uncle is about to get married to his boyfriend Jaime. Chloe is afraid that she will lose her close and warm relationship with her very special uncle and friend Bobby. Uncle Bobby reassures Chloe that she and he will always have their special relationship and that Chloe stands to gain another uncle, not suffer the loss of Bobby. The reader will not know if Uncle Bobby and Jaime live in Massachusetts, the first state to grant marriage equality to couples like Uncle Bobby and Jaime, but Sarah Brannen lives in our great state. She was, in part, inspired to write Uncle Bobby's Wedding as she observed so many of us taking a joyous walk down the aisle. We here in this room know too well that positive deeds toward us are noticed and, sometimes, punished. Sure enough, Uncle Bobby's Wedding has already popped up on the radar screens of the grumpy and cranky right-wing. Recently, Sarah's beautiful book was named as a target by a writer on the conservative web site Townhall.com. So batten down your hatches, Sarah, prepare for a rough and tumble ride courtesy of our country's Anti-Gay Industry. Worry not, though, your fans and supporters will be with you, defending your wonderful and validating book about Chloe, Bobby and Jaime and their expanding family. Sarah is accustomed to some rough and tumble, though, since she is a figure skater who took a fall three years ago that postponed work on Uncle Bobby's Wedding and sidelined her at the rink. Sarah's love of figure skating extends to her art; she has created a series of watercolor portraits of skaters and contributes to Skating magazine and the web site IceNetwork. We honor and thank Sarah M. Brannen for giving us the gift of Uncle Bobby's Wedding and creating a world more safe and more free for all of us. We look forward to your Bobby sequel which may include a cousin for Chloe.

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable life of Sarah S. Brannen whose work vastly improves our city and life for all within it;

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 14, 2008, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further;

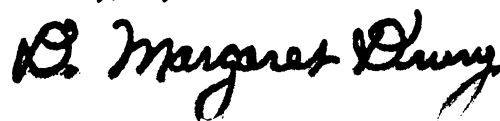
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Sarah S. Brannen on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 9, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-26.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge are proud of all members of our community and have made a strong commitment to civil rights and to building good relationships amongst us; and

WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and

WHEREAS: June 2008 marks the 39th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is spotlighted by the city's exemplary leadership in celebrating the freedom to marry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is further proclaimed by the official inauguration of the city-wide advisory body called the Cambridge GLBT Commission, brought into service on April 21, 2005;

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office will host the Eighteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2008; and

RESOLUTION #26

That the City Council recognize
June 14, 2008 as the official
Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
and Transgender Pride Day with a
special tribute to Sarah S. Brannen
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
June 9, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED