



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 18, 2000

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

WHEREAS: On September 25, 2000 at 10:00 AM, EF Education will mark the 10th Anniversary of German Reunification by dedicating a Berlin Wall Section; and

WHEREAS: The event will take place outside the EF headquarters, One Education Street, Cambridge, MA; and

WHEREAS: This slender section of the Berlin Wall was originally located near the Bernauer Strasse on the western side of the city. When Berliners began tearing it down in November of 1989, marketers began salvaging sections to sell to collectors. A staff member in EF's Berlin office learned of this particular section's availability and, with the assistance of two East German army officers, arranged for its purchase and subsequent export to America via a Lufthansa cargo plane; and

WHEREAS: The wall section was presented as a gift to Bertil Hult, EF's owner and founder, to commemorate his 50th birthday. Funds for its purchase were raised from EF staff members throughout the world. It was formally presented to him at his home in Concord, MA in the winter of 1991, and was shipped to Stockholm a year later when he returned to his native Sweden. In 1999, Hult announced his intention to dedicate the section to EF staff around the world, and arranged to have it permanently displayed at EF's North American headquarters in Cambridge, MA – the company's largest office of nearly 800 employees; and

WHEREAS: For 35 years, EF has provided innovative educational programs that help people break down the barriers of language, culture and geography; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council recognize the history of the Berlin Wall and recognize EF Education's work to break down the barriers of language, culture and geography and extend our best wishes on this dedication; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to EF Education on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 18, 2000.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Resolution #20

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Mayor Galluccio

In City Council September 18, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED