



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 1999

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

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Cambridge's Congressional delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury", with a stylized flourish at the end.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



Mayor Francis H. Duehay

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