



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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IN CITY COUNCIL
September 12, 1988

- WHEREAS: On August 26, 1988 courage of character and strength of spirit lost a powerful advocate with the death from leukemia of 18 year old J. Maxwell Joseph, the son of Pauline and Jack Joseph of Linnaean Street, Cambridge. Effected by the first symptoms of the disease on his first day as a Freshman at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School in the Fall of 1984, his high school years would be a rollercoaster ride of both physical and psychological highs and lows, but throughout the ride, he was determined to have and did have more highs than lows. Writing about the lengthy absences from class due to undergoing chemotherapy treatments and his determination not to surrender his completion of that academic year to the claws of leukemia, in his College Essay of November 15, 1987, he said, " But the greatest thing I learned Freshman year was to have confidence in myself "; and
- WHEREAS: Experiencing an intense relapse in the Fall of 1986 and a subsequent bone marrow transplant in a hospital in Baltimore, Max, determined not to be conquered, returned to CRLS in February of 1987 to continue to fulfill the promise which his life held; and
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- RESOLVED: That this City Council expresses sympathy to Pauline and Jack Maxwell as they mourn the death of their son, and thanks them for his life whose spirit will never be allowed to be stilled or silenced by those who knew and respected him. Additionally, we request that His Honor, the Mayor, as Chairman of the Cambridge School Committee, urge that Committee to approve a recommendation that a section of the library at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School be dedicated to the memory of J. Maxwell Joseph and that a plaque, so designating, be prepared and a ceremony of dedication and unveiling be arranged as soon as possible; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is requested to prepare a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution for appropriate presentation to the parents of J. Maxwell (Max) Joseph.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy

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Order #31.

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C. Walsh re: resolutions on the death of
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Order Adopted

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