



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 14, 1999

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

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WHEREAS: Kevin was a tried and true member of the Longfellow School neighborhood community; and

WHEREAS: At a tender age as a Longfellow grade-schooler, Kevin earned kudos from a member of the school's custodial staff for staffing an early-morning newspaper corner for years in Inman Square; and

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1970 Kevin T. Hodes 1998
Longfellow School Student
lifelong neighborhood spirit

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RESOLVED: That the citizens of Cambridge are made aware that the "spirit" on the memorial plaque is intended to acknowledge Kevin's passion for literature and the arts as an expression of creative energy, his loyalty to his neighborhood and his friends in it and his abiding desire to infuse life with as much joy and humor as he could; and be it further

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of six members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

MD Margaret Drury

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