



City of Cambridge

R-78.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 6, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 VICE MAYOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR MURPHY
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
 MAYOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The 17 Wendell Street Gallery, tucked away in a quiet corner of Cambridge's Agassiz neighborhood for more than two decades, has showcased the art of African American artists in a way that has been both intimate and unique; and
- WHEREAS: The 17 Wendell Street Gallery owners Jane Shapiro and Constance Brown have been true leaders in opening the world of African American art and artists to a diverse audience of those who have come to love and even devour the works of art the gallery presented; and
- WHEREAS: Jane Shapiro and Constance Brown introduced to many the works of such renowned artists as Robert Freeman, Benny Andrews, Gale Fulton-Ross, Brian McFarlin and many other notable African American artists and others; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge, in its zany and politically edgy way, has been the ideal home for the wonderful venture that 17 Wendell Street Gallery has been; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulate Jane Shapiro and Constance Brown for their leadership and vision in their labors as the co-owners of the 17 Wendell Street Gallery. It is very clear that the City of Cambridge be diminished with the absence of their inspired gallery. We are hopeful that new pioneers will accept the challenge of introducing the work of all God's artists to people in Cambridge and to the world at-large; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking Jane Shapiro and Constance Brown for their exciting and intriguing by the offerings of African American artists and others for these many years. You improved our lives—and our walls, immeasurably; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Jane Shapiro and Constance Brown 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:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

RESOLUTION #78

Congratulations to Jane Shapiro
and Constance Brown for their
vision and labors as co-owners of
the 17 Wendell Street Gallery and
Cambridge will be diminished with
the absence of the gallery.

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED