



City of Cambridge

R-144.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2000

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

WHEREAS: Thomas Cahill was born in Cambridge City Hospital in 1935, his family lived at 27 Buena Vista Park; and

WHEREAS: Thomas went through the Cambridge schools, graduating from Cambridge High and Latin in 1955; and

WHEREAS: In the late 1950's Thomas became a member of the Auxiliary Fire Department where he got his first experience with the Cambridge Fire Department; and

WHEREAS: On August 5, 1963 Thomas started work for the City as a Fire Alarm Operator with the Electrical Department under Bill Crocker Sr. and worked many years in the fire alarm office in the Electrical wing of the Fire Headquarters complex at 489 Broadway near Harvard Square; and

WHEREAS: On March 25, 1974 Thomas became Chief Fire Alarm Operator; and

WHEREAS: During Thomas's career as Fire Alarm's Chief Operator he was instrumental in developing the pride, skill, and career commitment that helped make the Fire Alarm office so highly regarded by the Cambridge Fire Department, other city agencies, and fire alarm offices all over the state. In addition, Thomas presided over the change from the original 1932 electromechanical fire box system to the age of the computerized fire alarm center with a modern trunked radio system; and

WHEREAS: On June 30, 1994 Thomas was named the Chief of Operations of the Emergency Communications Department and in this capacity he was instrumental in the merger of fire alarm with police dispatch and the successful startup on July 31, 1996 of the state's largest, most high - tech police, fire, and EMS 911 Center. It was with considerable satisfaction for Tom that this modern center was opened in the very same room that he previously worked in as a Fire Alarm Operator since 1963; and

WHEREAS: Thomas ran for City Council in 1969 and received 126 votes before he was eliminated in the 6th round; a respectable showing for a first-time non-political candidate; and

WHEREAS: Few, if any, people ever worked as hard for the City as Thomas Cahill. Thomas considered himself late if he arrived after 5 AM for a day that officially began at 8 AM. He made it a point of pride to monitor the fire radio 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. He worked tirelessly, out of the public eye, to insure that all of the details of fire alarm and emergency communications got taken care of, that all staff got a chance to talk with him, and that a high standard of service was always maintained; and

WHEREAS: After 37 years of service, we honor Thomas and his wonderful wife Joanie on the occasion of his retirement on August 10, 2000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Thomas Cahill for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish him much happiness in his retirement; and be it further

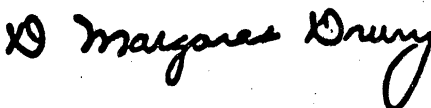
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Thomas Cahill on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council July 31, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Fosque, George

From: Fosque, George
 Sent: Friday, September 01, 2000 12:37 PM
 To: 'mcosgrove@ci.cambridge.ma.us'
 Subject: REVISED text for Tom Cahill Proclamation

This is changed a bit. I have also FAX'd a copy to Donna Lopez

Donna suggested I e-mail this to you. This is the text we have developed. Please feel free to put in proper format, change items, etc. We are having the retirement party on Friday Sept 8 and would like to present the proclamation then. Thanks. I can be reached at 6911

George Fosque, 911 Director

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a resolution on the retirement of a long term city employee.

In City Council July 31, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the City Clerk.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Surprise resolution for retirement of a long
ten City Employee

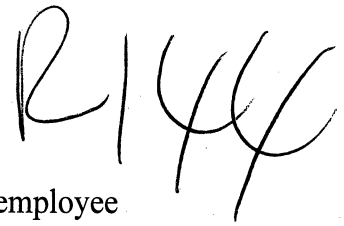
(Tom Cahill)

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George Fossue to write

July 31, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R/44', located to the right of the text 'MAYOR GALLUCCIO'.

Surprise retirement announcement for long time City of Cambridge employee



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Resolution #144

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**Mayor Galluccio and entire
membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED