



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
July 27, 1998

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Robert Gorham Davis, Professor Emeritus of Columbia University, on July 16, 1998; and
- WHEREAS: Robert was born in Cambridge and was a graduate of Harvard College's Class of 1929; and
- WHEREAS: Robert taught at Harvard University for ten years and taught at Smith College for fifteen years; and
- WHEREAS: Robert also taught in Austria, Argentina, and Brazil as a Fulbright Professor; and
- WHEREAS: Robert's literary criticism appeared in the New York Times Book Review from the 1940s to the 1980s; his critical essays were featured in many different publications worldwide, and he published an anthology of short stories and a companion book, which were both used at many universities; and
- WHEREAS: Robert's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving friends and family, his wife Hope (Hale) Davis; his children Stephen Davis and Lydia Davis; and his four grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS: Robert will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Gorham Davis at this time of such personal loss; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Davis family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Robert Gorham Davis

Noted professor

Robert Gorham Davis, Professor Emeritus of Columbia University, died on Thursday, July 16, in a Cambridge nursing home. He was 90.

Davis was born in Cambridge, and was a graduate of Harvard College's Class of 1929. He taught at Harvard for 10 years, becoming one of the first five Briggs-Copeland Faculty Instructors. He also taught for 15 years at Smith College in Northampton. He also taught in Austria, Argentina, and Brazil as a Fulbright Professor, and lectured in many South and Central American countries. While a Guggenheim Fellow in 1971-72, he was a Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University, and a Rockefeller Fellow at Villa Serbellone in Bellagio, Italy. He also served for many years on the board of Yaddo, the artists' colony at Saratoga Springs.

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Davis was the husband of Hope (Hale) Davis; the father of Stephen Davis of New York City, and Lydia Davis of Port Ewen, N.Y.; step-father of the late Claudia Flanders; and grandfather of four.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Rogers Funeral Home in Cambridge.

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Consent Order #144

Councillor Born and entire membership re:
resolution on the death of Robert Gorham
Davis.

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ORDER ADOPTED