



City of Cambridge

35.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 1994

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: The REVEREND KENNETH DePOULLAIN HUGHES spent his life ministering to the spiritual and civic needs of the Cambridge community, having served thirty years first as priest in charge and then as rector of St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS: THE REVEREND KENNETH DePOULLAIN HUGHES was born on March 29, 1902 in Grenada, British West Indies, one of twelve children, and emigrated to the United States in 1923; and

WHEREAS: On January 5, 1940, he came to St. Bartholomew's as priest in charge of what was then a small mission church on 211 Columbia St., and through his dedicated and inspired leadership, the congregation quadrupled after just one year; and

WHEREAS: The congregation, under the direction of REVEREND KENNETH DePOULLAIN HUGHES, purchased the present church location at 239 Harvard St. in 1941, and by 1994, St. Bartholemew's had become financially independent, and was declared a self-supporting independent parish by the Diocese in 1945; and

WHEREAS: REVEREND KENNETH DePOULLAIN HUGHES was a staunch supporter of human and civil rights for all, leading St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church to become a life member of both the N.A.A.C.P. and the United Negro College Fund, to support disaster relief efforts in the West Indies and Liberia, to distribute food to the poor at home in Cambridge, and to support an African mission in Nigeria; and

WHEREAS: REVEREND KENNETH DePOULLAIN HUGHES demonstrated a life-long support for inter-denominational and inter-racial outreach both within the Cambridge community and throughout the world, supporting his eternal conviction that all men and women are brothers and sisters, regardless of national origin, color, or creed; and

WHEREAS: His lifelong belief in the essential sameness of all humankind was rewarded when he received the third Bishop Norman B. Nash Fellowship in 1962, which he utilized to travel in West Africa and to undertake the study of Islam, his findings being published in three issues of the Episcopal journal "Christian Century"; and

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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Triantafellow Walsh R-8
Mayor Reeves re: That the square
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order adopted

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