

WHEREAS: John's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his children and their spouses, Jon and Cynthia (Abodeely) Desmond Jr., Alderman Bruce and Barbara (Terry) Desmond, Gary and Donna (Byrne) Desmond, Kevin and Barabara (Chouinard) Desmond, and David and Donna (Dubuque) Desmond; his fifteen grandchildren, John, Jeff, Matthew, Caitlin, Seamus, Joseph, Kara, Sean, Kevin, Rachael, Jillian, Molly, Emily, Daniel and Thomas; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dorothy Campbell, Joan Kouble, Joyce and James Molloy, Deborah and John Taylor, Buddy and Norma Winn, and John Taylor; his two brothers and a sister-in-law, William J. Desmond, and Cornelius and Dorothy Desmond; his two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary, and Patricia and Frank; he was also the brother of the late Lucille Taylor and is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins; and

WHEREAS: John 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 John J. Desmond 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 Desmond family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 9, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 9, 2002

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

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of John J. Desmond on August 18, 2002; and
- WHEREAS: John was the beloved son of the late William J. and Mary (Lynch) Desmond; and
- WHEREAS: John was the beloved husband of his wife of fifty-two years, Gloria (Winn) Desmond; and
- WHEREAS: John was a member of a prominent political family of the city. As a lifelong resident of Lowell he first served as a City Councillor from 1960 to 1965; and
- WHEREAS: John was then elected as a State Representative and served in the House from 1965 until 1972; and
- WHEREAS: During his tenure as a State Representative, he was chairman of the Welfare Investigation Committee. His report from this committee called for massive welfare reform; it was initially set aside, but years later was used as the basis for modern welfare reform in the commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: John also took on the banking lobbies, when he authored and introduced the bill entitled "The Truth-in-Lending Act," which forced banks and other lending institutions in the state to give the people access to information concerning actual percentage rates, fees and hidden costs of their loans; and
- WHEREAS: John was instrumental in establishing low-income housing for veterans, the elderly and young families trying to get a good start in life. He worked diligently to distribute funds across the city for parks, playgrounds and programs for the city's youth; and
- WHEREAS: From 1973 until his retirement in 1988, he served at the West Roxbury District Court, first as assistant clerk magistrate and later as clerk magistrate; and

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RESOLUTION # 82

Resolution on the death of John J.
Desmond.
**Councillor Toomey and entire
membership**

In City Council September 9, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.