



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 1980

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge was faced with a potential disaster on Thursday, April 3, 1980 when a freight train carrying extremely toxic and hazardous chemicals was involved in an accident at the Boston and Maine Railroad Yard in Somerville; and
- WHEREAS: This highly toxic gas which forms a white cloud and permeates the air was by virtue of the existent wind velocity hovering over the East Cambridge area of this City causing the residents of this area tremendous concern over the health and welfare of the children and other loved ones; and
- WHEREAS: City Manager James L. Sullivan dispatched Assistant City Manager Robert Healy and City Solicitor Russell Higley and Fire Chief Daniel Reagan to go to the scene of the accident to assess the potential danger to the citizens of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: These individuals, after conferring with the Mayor and other Somerville officials, determined that the children, the elderly and other residents of the East Cambridge area could be faced with a possibly dangerous and hazardous situation and consequently conferred with Superintendent of Schools William Lannon and members of the School Committee who along with the dedicated efforts of many police officers and teachers within the Gore, Kennedy, Harrington, Roberts and Morse Schools were instrumental in protecting our young school children; and
- WHEREAS: These individuals further determined in the interest of public safety to have all the residents of the elderly housing developments brought to the first floor of these buildings as well as evacuating the Middlesex County Court House; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record commending City Manager James L. Sullivan, Assistant City Manager Robert Healy, City Solicitor Russell Higley and Fire Chief Daniel Reagan for their total dedication to duty and humanitarian efforts in order to protect the citizens of our City; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution for presentation to these public officials on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 5 members..

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Order #1

S-184

C. Vellucci resolutions on the chemical
spill of Thursday, April 3, 1980

In City Council,

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