

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council, on the occasion of his birthday, salutes the legacy of Ken Williams for his decades of spirit, wisdom, creativity and congeniality as manifested in education through his tenure at the public library, in the magic of jazz through his own work and his investment in others through the 1369 Club, in his commitment to African freedom through risking career and livelihood to protest Polaroid's investment in South Africa thereby initiating the U.S. divestment movement as well as spearheading humanitarian efforts for relief in Somalia, in his belief in peace and justice acknowledged through the 1996 Peace and Justice Award and in his love of humanity through his wide array of devoted friends, treasured daughter and profound partnership with his wife Caroline.

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

In City Council May 3, 2004.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 2004

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

WHEREAS: Cambridge was home to Ken Williams for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS: Ken Williams was a good citizen of Cambridge, an outstanding father and family man, an activist and humanitarian, who believed that "Jazz is America's only original classical music,"

WHEREAS: Ken Williams contributions' to Cambridge life reached from the public library to the 1359 Jazz Club and extended to include the globe, particularly the continent of Africa; and

WHEREAS: Ken Williams organized and enhanced the Cambridge Public Library's Jazz collection, created the "sounds of Jazz Concert Series for ten years, and produced hundreds of live jazz concerts for Cambridge families; and

WHEREAS: Ken Williams was a humanitarian who organized jazz musicians to give back and raised funds for the Ethiopian Famine Relief; and

WHEREAS: A part of Ken's life in partnership with his wife Caroline Hunter was dedicated to solidarity with the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa; he co-founded the Polaroid Revolutionary Worker Union for which he was fired from his job, and he co-organized an International Boycott Polaroid Campaign which successfully removed Polaroid from South Africa, and started the divestment movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is welcoming South African Lionel Davis teacher, artist, former political prisoner, and now the Heritage Educator at the Robben Island Museum; he is speaking at the Multicultural Arts Center on May 13th, which coincides with Ken's birthday, now be it therefore

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Honoring the legacy of Ken Williams.
**Councillor Davis and entire
membership**

In City Council May 3, 2004

ORDER ADOPTED