

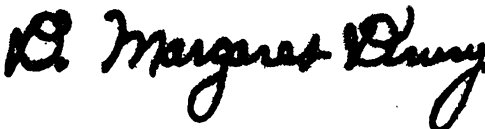
- WHEREAS: In 1970, King created the Community Fellows Program (CFP) in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT. He served as an Adjunct Professor of Urban Studies and Planning and director of the Community Fellows Program for twenty-five years until 1996. CFP, a nine-month long program brought community organizers and leaders from across America to reflect, research and study urban community politics, economics, social life, education, housing and media; and
- WHEREAS: In 1981, King's book, *Chain of Change: Struggles for Black Community Development* was published by South End Press. It focused on development in housing, education, employment and politics in Boston from the 1950s through the 1970s; and
- WHEREAS: In 2003, King created The New Majority – an organization and program uniting Boston's communities of color – Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans – uniting them around candidates for elective office; and
- WHEREAS: Upon his retirement from MIT, King established the South End Technology Center to provide computer training for low-income people; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record sending their best wishes for a happy birthday to Mr. Melvin King; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. King on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 6, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Melvin H. King, born in 1928, is celebrating his 80th birthday. Mr. King has been extremely important to many people in Cambridge as an American educator, activist, and writer. King has been active across the landscape of neighborhoods and politics of Boston for over fifty-five years, while also being an educator, youth worker, social activist, community organizer and developer, elected politician, author, and an Adjunct Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is responsible for creating community programs and institutions for low-income people in Boston. He is the founder and current director of the South End Technology Center; and

WHEREAS: In 1953, King left the classroom to work with at risk youth, becoming Director of Boy's Work at Lincoln House, a settlement house in Boston's South End community. He continued his community work focusing on street corner gangs as Youth Director at United South End Settlements (USES). He also worked as a community activist and urban renewal and anti-poverty organizer. He was let go by USES when he promoted and supported neighborhood control versus USES and government control over the urban renewal and federal funds to assist poor people. King was then rehired after huge protests from the community over his firing and was given the job as a community organizer. King, then founded the Community Assembly for a United South End (C.A.U.S.E.), to give tenants and community residents a voice in their communities; and

WHEREAS: In 1967, King became the director of the New Urban League of Greater Boston. He brought job training for the unemployed and organized the community around public school, employment, and human services delivery issues. In 1973, King was elected as a State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District and served in the Massachusetts Legislature until 1982; and

RESOLUTION #25

Happy 80th Birthday to Melvin H.
King

**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
October 6, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED