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April 24, 1989

Councillor Graham

Whereas: On Tuesday, April 25, 1989 Family and Friends will gather to mark and celebrate the occasion of the 104th birthday of Mrs. Mary Ellen Epps; and

Whereas: Mrs Epps, born in Mt. Victoria Maryland, the fourth of ten children to Philip and Delilah Ford moved to Boston in 1907 where she secured a domestic position to help support her herself and her family in Maryland; and

Whereas: Mrs Epps' life has been hallmarked by her devotion to family, to friends & her church, the Columbus Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church in Boston, where she is the oldest living member; and

Whereas: The former Mary Ellen Ford married the late Robert M. Epps and through this union a son Ralph was born to enrich the lives of this couple; and

Whereas: Mrs Epps and her family moved to

the City of Cambridge in 1950 and
had resided at 14 Copley Street for 39 years
before taking up residency at Neville
Manor on April 10, 1989; now therefore
be it

Resolved: That this City Council go on record
extending its heartiest birthday
greetings to this woman of unwavering
faith in God, wisdom, courage and
strength, Mrs. Mary Ellen Epps; and
be it further

Resolved: That the City Clerk be and hereby
is requested to prepare a suitably
expressed copy of this resolution
for presentation to Mrs. Epps on
behalf of the Entire City Council.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Epps

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Born - April 25, 1885 in Mt Victoria Maryland
the fourth^{4th} of the ten¹⁰ children born to
Philip and Belulah Ford. She and her
siblings were just one generation
removed from slavery.

Moved to Boston in 1907 to seek better
working conditions as a Domestic
and to help support her parents
and siblings in Maryland. Her
entire life has been a chronicle^{chronicle} of
helping family and friends.
She immediately joined the Columbus
Ave A.M. & ZION Church in Boston
where she is now the oldest living
member.

Married to the late Robert M. Epps. The couple
had one son Ralph E. Epps who died
in 1985.

With her son Ralph and her older
sister Margaret Ford she

Moved to Cambridge in 1950 where she resided
at 14 Copley St. for 39 years. For the
past 3½ years she lived alone and
maintained her independence.

On April 10, 1989 she became a resident
at the Neville Manor Nursing Home where
she is renewing old friendships and
making new ones.

167 Fayweather St
Cambridge, Ma 02138
April 17, 1989

The Honorable
Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Ma 02139

354-6373.

Mare Kellans.

Dear Council Members,

I am writing this letter to request a resolution by the Cambridge City Council recognizing my aunt Mrs. Mary E. Epps of the Reville Manor Nursing Home on her 104th birthday April 25, 1989.

She is a woman of unwavering faith in God, wisdom, courage, and strength, who has touched and enriched many lives.

We, her family, are blessed and proud because she continues to inspire us.

Thank you

Yours truly
Estelle A. Paris

Inclosed is a brief biographical sketch.



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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- WHEREAS: Mrs. Epps, born in Mt. Victoria, Maryland, the fourth of ten children born to Philip and Delilah Ford, moved to Boston in 1907, where she secured a domestic position to help support herself and her family in Maryland; and
- WHEREAS: Mrs. Epps' life has been hallmarked by her devotion to family, to friends and to her Church; the Columbus Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church in Boston; where she is the oldest living member; and
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- WHEREAS: Mrs. Epps and her family moved to the City of Cambridge in 1950 and had resided at 14 Copley Street for 39 years before taking up residency at Neville Manor on April 10, 1989; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartiest birthday greetings to this woman of unwaivering faith in God, wisdom, courage and strength, Mrs. Mary Ellen Epps; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Mrs. Epps on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 24, 1989.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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C. Graham re: resolutions congratulating Mrs.
Mary Ellen Epps, as she celebrates her 104th
birthday.

In City Council,

April 24, 1989

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Adopted