



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 1991

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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WHEREAS: Mr. Belady, worked for International Business Machines Corporation for twenty-three years and for the past six years he has been the Vice President in charge of the software technology project at the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation located in Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS: The opening of this laboratory will enhance the tax base and generate certain revenues for the city as well as offer the possibility of employment of residents of our city which will help to stimulate the overall economic slump Cambridge is currently experiencing and hopefully the laboratory may serve as a catalyst for other businesses to locate in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending a warm welcome to Laszlo A. Belady and the Mitsubishi Laboratory to Cambridge and to further extend every good wish for a successful business venture; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable resolution to Mr. Belady on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 16, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

Wm. Sullivan

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Former I.B.M. Scientist To Head Mitsubishi Lab

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Laszlo A. Belady, a 30-year veteran of computer science, is not afraid of controversy. That was evident earlier this week when he accepted the post of chairman and director of Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories Inc., a new basic research lab in Cambridge, Mass., set up by the Mitsubishi Electric Corporation of Japan.

Mr. Belady, who worked for the International Business Machines Corporation's research division for 23 years, has spent the last six years as vice president in charge of the software technology project at the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation in Austin, Tex.

M.C.C. is a consortium of computer companies set up to help foster United States competitiveness in the face of increasing Japanese prowess in technology. But now Mr. Belady will get a first-hand view of the other side.

Mitsubishi's new lab, which will focus on long-term basic research for computer architecture and software systems, is one of a growing list of such operations being established in the United States by Japanese companies. The NEC Corporation has opened a similar lab in Princeton, N.J., and the Matsushita Electric Industrial Corporation is scheduled to open such a lab in San Francisco later this year. Canon Inc. is also considering such a move.

Many American scientists have expressed dismay at this trend, and they are concerned that the Japanese have been attracting some of the nation's most creative computer scientists. But Mr. Belady is unperturbed by the debate.

"I'm just re-establishing an old synergy," the 63-year-old native Hungarian said. In his last post with I.B.M., Mr. Belady was head of the company's research facility in Tokyo.

"Now I'm just reversing that by running a Japanese lab in America," he added.

Mr. Belady said the laboratory would be "unusually open" to members of the international research community. He expects the beneficiary of such research to be neither Japan nor the United States but the field of computer science.

Mr. Belady will be recruiting top computer scientists to staff the lab, with a target of 50 in five years and up to 100 in 10 years. He said he had taken the position because it was closest to his background, which is starting research efforts, giving them a vision, hiring the people and making it go.

"I consider him one of the old sages of computer science," said Michael Dertouzos, director of the M.I.T. Laboratory for Computer Science. "He goes beyond technology to the techno-philosophical view of the field."

Mr. Belady believes that the Mitsubishi lab may, in fact, be a response to such outcries. The Japanese, he said, are tired of being accused of taking American inventiveness home to profit by it. "This may be a way to say, 'We'll pay for it.'"

With a daughter who is doing her medical residency in obstetrics and gynecology and a son who works for Texas Instruments, Mr. Belady and his wife were looking forward to retirement before this opportunity arose. Now he'll put aside his love of music, reading and jogging for the time being.

Mr. Belady is a graduate of the Technical University of Budapest and is a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. He holds nine U.S. patents and several others in Europe.

GLENN RIFKIN

Glenn Rifkin Dated:

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- Welcome the research lab to Camb.
- Congratulate L. Belady on his appointment
- Trust this venture will encourage other ~~ent~~ entrepreneurs to come to Cambridge
- Trust that this will be a turning point in the City's return to the entrepreneurial spirit



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Joseph E. Conerton City Clerk

Consent Order # 45

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Councillor Sullivan resolutions on
Mitsubishi Electric Research
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in Cambridge.

In City Council,

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Order adopted