



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 2003

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

- WHEREAS: James McBride the award-winning writer and composer will be in Cambridge, Massachusetts on March 5, 2003 to help kick off the City-wide reading program entitled *Cambridge Reads: Cover- to-Cover*; and
- WHEREAS: The leaders of this program are hoping to bring the entire community together to read the same book; and
- WHEREAS: This year's selection is **The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother**, by the renowned author, James McBride; and
- WHEREAS: This book has sold an amazing 1.3 million copies in the United States alone and is now required reading not only at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School but at numerous high schools and colleges throughout the country; and
- WHEREAS: **The Color of Water** won the 1997 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Literary Excellence, was a ALA Notable Book of the Year, and spent more than two years on the New York Times bestseller list; and
- WHEREAS: James McBride is a graduate of New York City public schools, studied composition at The Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio and received a Masters Degree in Journalism from Columbia University at the age of 22; and
- WHEREAS: James McBride is a former staff writer for the *Washington Post*, *People Magazine* and *the Boston Globe*; and
- WHEREAS: Aside from his literary honors James McBride is also the recipient of several awards for his work as a composer in musical theater, including the 1996 ASCAP Richard Rodgers Horizons Award and the American Music Festival's 1993 Stephen Sondheim Award; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record welcoming James McBride to the City of Cambridge, thank him for joining in our City-wide reading campaign and wish him continued literary success; and be it further

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City of Cambridge and thanking
him for joining in our City-wide
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**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

ORDER ADOPTED.

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