



City of Cambridge

R-58.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is pleased to welcome the President and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, *Kweisi Mfume*, Chairman of the Board, *Julian Bond*, and the esteemed members of the Board of Directors of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS: The NAACP has led this Country for 91 years in making democracy work. The association is as vigorous today as it was in its beginnings with leadership in such divergent areas as AIDS and H.I.V. advocacy, reducing the digital divide, defending against the ignorance and illegal practices of the Adams Mark Hotels, landmark agreements achieved with ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox network etc., etc., etc., BRAVO!!; and

WHEREAS: We, in Cambridge, are proud of our revitalized local branch of the NAACP, led by the dynamic, energetic and wise Kathy Reddick and the establishment of the University Chapter here at Harvard; and

WHEREAS: In a sense in welcoming you here, we feel that we also welcome you to explore tendrils of your organizational roots. One of your founders, W. E. B. DuBois lived here while a student at Harvard and Cambridge claims credit for some of his training and inspiration. His college classmate, Clement Morgan, also a founder of the NAACP was also a lawyer, barber, alderman and city councillor. Both these men were Niagra movement men who had been on the battle fields for justice since the turn of the century; and

WHEREAS: Maria Baldwin of Cambridge was the first African American to head as principal a predominately white school. W.E.B. DuBois thought enough of this achievement to have her grace the cover of Crisis Magazine all over the country to celebrate her work. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, founder of Palmer Memorial Institute is also a Cantabridgian by birth and inspiration; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a historic American place where education and social justice have been important forces always. Emery Morris, a city councillor combined with William Monroe Trotter to champion a National Negro League which was exclusively black and also grew their roots from here; and

WHEREAS: In keeping our municipal history, we are also keeping an eye on this nation's progress with the likes of Professor William Julius Wilson, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Lani Guinier, Anthony Appia, Cornel West, Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Jamaica Kincaid, Issac Julien, David Wilkins, Randy Kenney; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we sincerely hope that the Board is inspired by the work it will do here. We are sure that you will forge on and in the words of Langston Huges, "*Help us to realize an America which hasn't been yet, but yet must be.*"

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome to Cambridge, Massachusetts

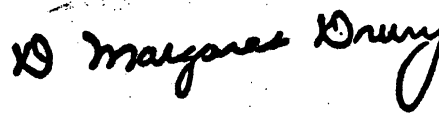
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Welcome to R58

NAAACP President

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Board

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COUNCILLOR REEVES

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its welcome to NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, and Board Chair Julian Bond and the Board of Directors of the National NAACP as they visit Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Kweisi Mfume, Julian Bond and the Board of Directors on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Resolution #58

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Kweisi Mfume and Board Chair
Julian Bond and the Board of
Directors of the National NAACP
as they visit Cambridge.
Councillor Reeves

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ORDER ADOPTED