



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 17, 1994

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: The City was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE, on September 17, 1994, at the age of sixty six, and those who knew him will always remember MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE as a truly great man; and

WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE was born 1910 in West Medford, the son and grandson of former slaves, and could trace his family name to his father's owner in Virginia; and

WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE graduated from Medford High School, and studied journalism at adult education classes at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE, a journalist for over fifty years, was one of the few remaining reporters who worked for the black-owned press of the 1930's, writing for the Boston Chronicle, the Greater Boston News, the Boston Guardian, the Medford Transcript and the Medford Mercury; and

WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE, a former spokesman for the Negro Baseball League, in 1934 became the first black person to be granted a press pass by the Boston Red Sox, and later the Boston Braves and the Boston Bruins, and in fact distinguished himself as a career sportswriter; and

WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE, in addition to these accomplishments, was the author of two books, "Fifty Years of Sports History," and "This is Your Heritage," a six hundred page history of African Americans that took him thirty years to compile; and

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WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE devoted his life to telling the history of African Americans, and of their struggle, in the Greater Boston area and nationwide, and was truly that greatest of living treasures, a local historian; and

WHEREAS: MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE is survived by two sisters, Madeleine Dugger Kelly and Vivien Russell, both of Medford, and a brother, Elmer B. of Mattapan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: This Cambridge City Council does hereby offer its sincerest sympathy to the family, friends and countless admirers and fans of MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE at this time of great personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk hereby is requested to present a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the family of MABRAY (DOC) KOUNTZE.

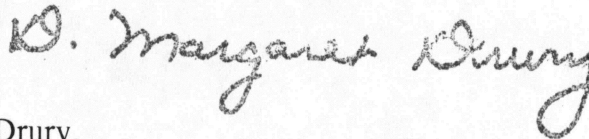
In City Council October 17, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk".

D. Margaret Drury,
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Born, Myers, Reeves, Sullivan
Suantafellow, Walsh

Consent Order #10

R-670

Mayor Reeves re: Death resolution on
Mabray (Doc) Kountze.

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Order adopted