



City of Cambridge

19.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 30, 1998

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Joseph Lloyd "Wally" Walcott on March 20, 1998 at the age of one hundred and one years old; and

WHEREAS: Joseph was the owner of Wally's Café on Massachusetts Avenue where jazz was enjoyed by the clientele; and

WHEREAS: Joseph was instrumental in bringing local talent together with world renowned jazz performers, such as Oscar Peterson and Coleman Hawkins; and

WHEREAS: Joseph's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his daughter Elynor Lorraine and his three grandsons; and

WHEREAS: Joseph will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Joseph L. Walcott at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Walcott family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 30, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

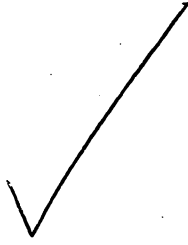
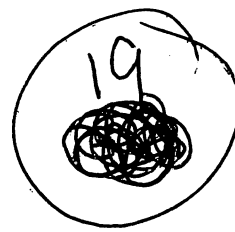
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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City Clerk

Vice Mayor Galluccio
all



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OBITUARIES

Joseph Walcott, 101, owned famed jazz club

Joseph Lloyd "Wally" Walcott of the South End, a legendary jazz club owner, died Friday. He was 101.

Born in Christ Church, Barbados, British West Indies, he came to America through Ellis Island and joined his brothers in Boston. He lived in the South End for many years.

Mr. Walcott held several jobs with his brothers and later started his own taxi company. He was also a Mason and a Shriner.

In 1947, at age 50, he opened Wally's Cafe on Massachusetts Avenue, a nightclub where people of all ethnic backgrounds could come together, socialize and enjoy jazz.

He brought young musicians from local colleges and universities. At his small, intimate club, local talents sat in with world-renowned jazz

greats who served as mentors to the up-and-coming, a practice still alive at Wally's.

Coleman Hawkins, Charlie Parker, Freddie Hubbard, Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Ahmad Jamal, Oscar Peterson and many other great musicians have made Wally's small stage a legendary place to play.

At age 100 he celebrated 50 years as owner of the club with patrons, friends and city officials. "This is one of the gems of Boston," said Mayor Thomas Menino at the gathering.

Mr. Walcott is survived by his daughter, Elynor Lorraine; three grandsons, and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements by J.B. Johnson Funeral Home, Roxbury.

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Consent Order #19

R-380

Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
re: Resolution on the death of Joseph
L. Walcott.

In City Council March 30, 1998

ORDER ADOPTED