

WHEREAS: Kathy has been a willing and generous mentor; she has mentored new and veteran early childhood school directors by sharing her keen understanding of survival and negotiations strategies, and she has successfully mentored undergraduate students from local colleges with the result that the early childhood community has gained enthusiastic and qualified new teachers; and

WHEREAS: Kathy's dedication to the education of children, families and teachers of Dandelion School has resulted in improvements to the quality of life for all children, families and teachers of young children; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Kathy Roberts for her invaluable contributions to the lives of so many children and their families, as well as for her many improvements to the pedagogy and practice of early childhood care and education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby prepared for presentation at a celebration in honor of Kathy Roberts and Dandelion School on June 15, 2002.

In City Council June 10, 2002.

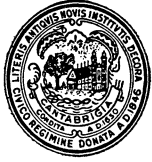
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2002

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City council that Kathy Roberts is retiring as director of the Dandelion School and that the Dandelion School will be closing; and

WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts was a co-founder, with Beth Oglesby Rimanoczy, of Dandelion School in 1971; and

WHEREAS: The Dandelion School has been an innovative and progressive childcare program for the past thirty-two years, under Kathy's direction; the school was named on the "the ten best daycare centers I America, " by Child Magazine, in November of 1992; and

WHEREAS: Kathy is a community activist and advocate, with a lifelong dedication to the causes of human rights and social justice; and

WHEREAS: Kathy's dedication to human rights and social justice has been manifested in her work on behalf of children; she has joined with, and organized, colleagues to educate the public about the negative influence of materialistic and violent toys on children's behavior and development; and she created and implemented developmentally appropriate anti-bias curriculum which serves as a model for the early childhood community; and

WHEREAS: Kathy was instrumental in building the Cambridge/Somerville Child Care Alliance, which for many years served as the primary organization in our community advocating for collective action to attain higher compensation for the early care and education workforce and decent reimbursement rates for centers serving low and moderate income families; and

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RESOLUTION #55

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**Councillor Simmons and entire
membership**

In City Council June 10, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.