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Dear Council Members:

On behalf of Robert McKendree Kelley, my wife Hope and myself, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful Order we received from the City for Robbie's birth. It is a beautiful document and will, in a nice frame, occupy a place of honor above his changing table. As he gets older, I am sure Robbie will look at it with pride on many occasions.

I should note that Hope, Robbie and I are not the only ones excited by the order. All of Robbie's grandparents were thrilled when they heard the news. It was sort of the icing on the cake of having a new grandson and something no one expected, so the surprise made it even nicer.

From a personal standpoint, I am especially pleased that all nine councilors signed the Order. While I have had differences, frequently significant ones, with many of you in the past and will, no doubt, continue to have such differences in the future, I will need only look at the Order on the wall of my son's room to remind myself that disagreements need not be personal. It may have been a small thing for you, but it's a big thing for the Kelley family.

On a similar note, the Order sort of formalizes the love and support Hope and I, and Robbie too, have received from the entire Cambridge community. Members of the Alewife Study Group threw us a surprise baby shower, offers to babysit have poured in, baby gifts and loaned items such as clothes and a crib fill our house and we even got a bicycle helmet from one family! Needless to say, I can't wait until I get the chance to test it out on my son. Additionally, it is virtually impossible for us to walk out of the house with our son without making a new friend. Both Hope and I are excited that our son will grow up in such a rich environment.

Once again, thank you very, very much for your Order. I look forward to the day when I can return the favor.

Sincerely,



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Communication was received from Craig A. Kelley, transmitting his deep appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of the birth of his son, Robert McKendree Kelley.

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