



City of Cambridge

13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 7, 1993

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR CYR

WHEREAS: The East Cambridge community was enriched though the presence of the late Louis J. Ferracane, Sr., owner of Statler Hardware, who passed away on June 26, 1992; and

WHEREAS: Louis was born on March 4, 1919 in a three family house on Gore Street and after a few years his family moved to Otis Street where he spent his entire youth before marrying his bride, Jennie; and

WHEREAS: Louis was an alumnus of Rindge Technical High School and from the age of twelve he swept floors and stacked shelves at Stingel Hardware, located at 247 Cambridge Street; and

WHEREAS: Stingel Hardware was eventually sold to George Lacksweitz and Louis continued his employment at the store purchasing it in 1956 and changed the name of the concern to Statler Hardware; and

WHEREAS: This East Cambridge Institution not only supplied goods and services to this area but became a meeting place and helping hand to the Italian and Portuguese speaking community; and

WHEREAS: Louis offered his assistance to many in varying ways from completing forms for confused immigrants to extending credit to them in order for them to realize their American dream; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Third and Cambridge Streets as "**LOUIS J. FERRACANE, SR. SQUARE**" in recognition to the many contributions made by this special Cantabrigian in improving the quality of life for so many of his neighbors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with the view in mind of installing the proper signage and to confer with the Ferracane family with regards to a dedication ceremony.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Consent
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25 May 1993

Honorable Walter Sullivan
Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Walter,

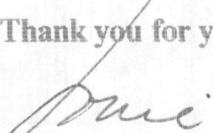
As per our conversation I am writing this letter to request the city council to approve a "LOUIS J. FERRACANE SR. SQUARE" located at the corner of Third and Cambridge St. in East Cambridge.

I would like to give you a little background of the type of man that I requesting this honor for. Louis was born March 4, 1919 in a three family house on Gore Street. After a few years his family moved to Otis Street where he spent his entire youth until marrying my mother, Jennie. He attended Cambridge Schools and was a graduate of what was then called Rindge Tech. From the time he was twelve years old he was sweeping floors and helping stock shelves at a hardware store located at 247 Cambridge Street. This hardware store was called Stingel Hardware.

As years passed the store was sold to George Lacksweitz and Louis continued to work acting as George's right hand man. Always serving the industry and people of East Cambridge. In 1956 Louis purchased the hardware store from George. He changed the name to Statler Hardware and his legacy continued. This store was not only supplying goods and services to the area it became a meeting place and helping hand to Italian and Portugese speaking residence. I can remember Louis filling out many pieces of paper work for a confused immigrant making no sale and asking for no compensation. Friendship was enough of a reward. Many newly arriving foreigners would come to Statler with no money in there pockets and Louis would extent them credit so they could fix up their home and realize the true dream of America. Louis always felt he was doing his share. He trusted everyone and expected all to honor their commitments. I would venture to say that 90% of the homes within a one mile radius have something purchased from Statler Hardware. Whether it be plumbing, electrical or paint problems Louis was always ready to serve.

Louis passed away June 26,1992. Please bestow this honor for Louis. A man whom I feel gave back to the area he loved so much. His name on the corner of Third and Cambridge will act as a reminder to all whom he helped and they will also remember the joy he received from doing so. This corner is appropriate because it is right next to the store and it's one block from his birthplace and two blocks from where he was raised.

Thank you for your consideration and support.


Louis J. Ferracane Jr.-



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James W. Lee
Councillor Sullivan RE: Louis J.
Ferracane Sr. Square

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Order Adopted