



# City of Cambridge

46.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 1999

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

WHEREAS: **Bayard Rustin** was one of the most important leaders of the American Civil Rights Movement from the advent of its modern period in the 1950's until well into the 1980's; and

WHEREAS: **Bayard Rustin** was raised with Quaker principles; he was a gifted and successful student in the schools of West Chester, both academically and on his high school track and football teams; and

WHEREAS: He began to demonstrate his gift for singing with a beautiful tenor voice; and attended Wilberforce University and Cheyney State Teachers college; and

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WHEREAS: He later transferred his organizing efforts to the peace movement, first in the Fellowship of Reconciliation and later in the American Friends Service Committee, the Socialist Party and the War Resisters League; and

WHEREAS: The high point of Bayard Rustin's political career was the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom which took place on August 28, 1963 where Mr. Rustin was by all accounts the March's chief architect; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his life, Rustin's Quakerism was a unifying force in his life and a strong plank in his personal philosophy, incorporating beliefs that were of central importance to him: that there is that of God in every person, that all are entitled to a decent life, and that a life of service to others is the way to happiness and true fulfillment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That although Bayard Rustin lived in the shadow of more charismatic civil rights leaders, he can lay real claim to have been an indispensable unsung force behind the movement toward equality for American's black citizens, and more largely for the rights of humans around the globe, in the twentieth century; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Rustin's homosexuality and early communist affiliation probably meant that the importance of his contribution to the civil rights and peace movements would never be acknowledged; however, fairness demands that the extent of Rustin's work receive a fair public reception; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its congratulations to the **Bayard Rustin Breakfast Committee** on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; 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 **Bayard Rustin Breakfast Committee** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #46

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**ORDER ADOPTED**