



City of Cambridge

R-81.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 2002

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

WHEREAS: Cornel West will be in Cambridge on October 30, 2002 to speak at a Harvard Law School Saturday School Lecture; and

WHEREAS: Professor West will discuss "The Legacy of A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.: Frank Speaking and Courageous Acting;" and

WHEREAS: "Frank speaking and courageous acting" are subjects on which Professor West is well qualified to speak, as an energetic, intellectual and creative David who insisted upon his right to speak his own academic truth to the Goliath-like corporate and conventional authority of Harvard University embodied in its president's attempts to monitor and dilute his truth-telling; and

WHEREAS: Professor West, former Alphonse Fletcher Jr. University Professor at Harvard, is now the Class of 1943 University Professor of Religion at Princeton University, to the dismay of his Cambridge colleagues, students and admirers, and to the great joy of Princeton's intellectual community; and

WHEREAS: Professor West is a penetrating and prolific writer and widely-cited scholar, whose work ranges from the book *Race Matters*, which sold nearly 400,000 copies and influenced a national dialogue on race, to his most influential scholarly work, *The American Evasion of Philosophy: A Genealogy of Pragmatism*, to two important recent books he co-authored on public policy issues: *The Future of American Progressivism* and *The War Against Parents*; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record welcoming Professor Cornel West to Cambridge and expressing its appreciation and hope that he will be a frequent speaker and visitor; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Professor Cornel West 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;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

R-1378

RESOLUTION # 81

Resolution expressing appreciation
to Professor Cornel West on the
occasion of his speaking at the
Saturday School.

**Councillor Simmons and entire
membership**

In City Council October 28, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.