



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

VICE MAYOR REEVES

February 11, 1991

- WHEREAS: February is Black History Month, a time to reflect upon and celebrate the history and culture of our African American communities; and
- WHEREAS: Scott Joplin, the distinguished African American composer, known as the "King of Ragtime," and best known for his popular "Maple Leaf Rag," also composed and wrote the words for the opera "Treemonisha," which, although never performed in his lifetime, has recently emerged on American stages confirming the depth of Joplin's musical genius; and
- WHEREAS: Set in Arkansas in 1884, "Treemonisha" focuses on the heroine's struggle to lead her people to freedom from 'con artistry' and to equality through education; and
- WHEREAS: The musical score of "Treemonisha" contains a mix of dance and march rhythms suggestive of ragtime, African-American folk songs, early blues, and other turn-of-the-century styles, and bustles with the energy of its urban and rural musical roots; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Arts Council is presenting the New England premiere of a full-scale performance of Scott Joplin's "Treemonisha" at the Fitzgerald Auditorium of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 1991, with a cast drawn from all around New England; and
- WHEREAS: Music Director, William Thomas, who conducted the Cambridge Chorus and Orchestra's standing-room-only performance of Handel's "Messiah" here last December, will lead this premiere production of "Treemonisha,"; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council extend its warm congratulations and gratitude to the Cambridge Arts Council and Music Director William Thomas for bringing this splendid opera to Cambridge, and go on record inviting all Cambridge residents to attend and share in this extraordinary evening.

In City Council February 11, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

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Vice Mayor Reeves resolutions on the
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