

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Gwen Ellis on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 17, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 17, 2002

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

WHEREAS: We celebrate with Gwen Ellis tonight her well deserved retirement from her really very remarkable career; and

WHEREAS: Gwen came to America on May 17, 1967. Her first year here she found the work that many new immigrants find work, in childcare and housekeeping. Within a year, striving as Jamaicans do to better herself and provide for her family, she found employment with Fanny Farmer and Harvard University; and

WHEREAS: Gwen based on her further ambition, next went to work for Freedom Electronics from 1969-1976 and the American Science and Engineering from 1976-1979. The culmination of her career was at Raytheon for a period of over twenty-two years, May 11, 1980-April 12, 2002 in Waltham, Quincy and Andover, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: But don't think that our Gwen has been all work and no joy of life; and

WHEREAS: Gwen is a very active member of Union Baptist Church where she sings in the choir and has been involved in a wide array of programs over the years. Gwen is also an active member of the Caribbean Cultural Community and has been known to shake more than just her head at each of Cambridge's Caribbean Carnivals, which as of this year will number ten. But most of all Gwens life has revolved around her family. In grand Jamaican tradition, she bought her house and raised her children Patrick, Maxine and Courtney Samuels and now, she is ready for a good long (planters punch) sorry, lemonade in the back yard and enjoy her grandchildren; Lamar LaForce and Roshaun LaForce, Danielle, Jade, Desmond, Kyle, Brianna, Jordan and Khaliah Samuels; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: Gwen you've done well, you've had the American Dream complete with an immediate and large extended family and friends who can't think of enough ways to love you, appreciate you and thank you for your many, many acts of loving kindness. Your City, Cambridge salutes you today and your city government hereby declares that Saturday, **June 22, 2002 to be "Gwen Ellis Day"** in the City of Cambridge. Gwen: good job, well-done, congratulations and good health and good luck in all of your future endeavors. We know that you'll keep on doing good things in Cambridge; and be it further

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Congratulating Gwen Ellis on her
retirement.

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

In City Council June 17, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.