



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 13, 1937.

WHEREAS

Notice has been received of the death on March 12th of our friend and colleague, Patrick J. Delaney, we desire to record the deep and lasting regard in which he has been held by his associates and friends throughout the city.

Patrick J. Delaney was a self-made man. Born in Ireland - to America the land of opportunity with his parents at the age of three - school, shop and store until at the age of 35 he mastered the law - success at the Bar - entered politics - elected to City Council - candidate for Mayor - elected again to City Council. That in brief is the biography of Patrick J. Delaney.

By sheer force of his courageous, industrious, honest, loyal character he plodded up the ladder of success. His simple virtues molded him into a rugged, fearless man who never forgot a friend and who never stooped to dishonesty.

The public career of Mr. Delaney was a strenuous one. During the years 1930 and 1931 he was the central figure in controversies regularly waged between the City Council and the Mayor. Partisanship was rampant in those days and it was but natural when his term of office was expiring in 1931 that he should accede to the demands of his friends and become a

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candidate for Mayor. In the primary he was defeated and remained out of active political life until 1935 when he again ran for City Councillor to be elected easily.

However, like Stephen Douglas, the Little Giant of the Abraham Lincoln era whom he resembled, he was to be denied the ambition of his life - to serve his adopted city as chief executive. It is therefore

RESOLVED:-

That the City Council of the City of Cambridge records the great loss sustained in the death of Patrick J. Delaney and would place upon the records this tribute to his memory.

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*Adopted unanimously by a
rising vote.*

Frederick W. Burke City Clerk

APR 15 1937
Executive Department
Approved [Signature]
Mayor

City of Cambridge.

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Presented to the Mayor

for approval.

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 12, 1937

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With feelings of sincere sorrow I have just learned of the death of our friend and associate in the city government of Cambridge, Mr. Patrick J. Delaney, and request that your honorable board meet in special session to take suitable action as a mark of respect to his memory, in which action I shall, of course, join.

Mr. Delaney was a member of the City Council during the years 1928-29-30 and 31, and at the time of his death was serving a second year as a member of the present City Council. During all of these years he served his fellow citizens as a faithful, conscientious public servant, having in mind always the best interests of the city and its citizens.

Yours respectfully,

John D. Leach
Mayor

1. On the Mayor, ~~transmitting~~
~~one from~~ transmitting notice of
death of Councilor Patrick J. Delaney
and recommending that suitable action
be taken as a mark of respect to
his memory.

In City Council March 12, 1927
Referred to Special Committee.
Entire Membership of City Council

Frederick W. Burke City Clerk

Clerk Entire membership
Hilda F. F. as Body

City of Cambridge

In City Council April 13, 1937.

The

Committee on Resolutions

to which was referred a communication from His Honor, the Mayor, transmitting notice of death of Councillor Patrick J. Delaney.

Reports,

Recommending the adoption
of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee.

Thomas M. McHamara

REPORT

Special

Committee on

Resolutions

Death of Patrick J. Delaney

April 13, 1937