

WHEREAS: Chester's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his wife Esther; his children Earle L. Maxwell and his wife Melanie, and Austin N. Maxwell, Sr.; his grandchildren Alexis R. Maxwell and her fiancé Michael Stevens, Victoria B., Lauren A. Maxwell and their mother Susan Maxwell, Lucia A., Vanessa L. Maxwell and Robert Goodman, Austin N. Maxwell, Jr.; his great-grandchild Wesley Goodman; his niece Cora G. Davis; his great niece Elaine G. Davis; his Cousins Winifred Wilds and Julian Bennett; his sister-in-laws Lillian Hensley, Ruth and Pauline Agard and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS: Chester will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Chester Earle Maxwell at this time of such personal loss; 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 Maxwell family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 10, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight 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 10, 2002

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Chester Earle Maxwell on May 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS: Chester was a man who embraced the fullness of life: husband, father, Cambridge citizen, gentleman, confidant, raconteur, selfless advocate, genuine friend; and

WHEREAS: Chester was, indeed, a very special gentleman. He shone brightly as an involved citizen and community leader who knew the City of Cambridge and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts well. He was a political activist who elected his fair share of Councillors and State Representatives and Governors. For some in government, he was a confidant, advisor and trusted friend. He was also an astute constituent who knew how to make sure his elected representatives delivered the goods just like those ethnic pols who historically made the system work for their constituents; and

WHEREAS: Chester was a devoted husband. You never saw him but that you didn't also see his beloved wife Esther. Should you ever see him alone, he was simply sitting in the car waiting for his Esther to come out of whatever building he was parked in front of. Chester excelled in his family man role. He was an exceptional husband and father, and also an exceptional brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend. He didn't know what an in-law or cousin was, he embraced his family and Esther's equally as one; and

WHEREAS: Chester was the real heartbeat of the Cambridge Branch NAACP for many years. He was the founder of the NAACP's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and he helped to establish this event before the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday was established nationally; and

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RESOLUTION #26

Resolution on the death of Chester
Earle Maxwell.
**Councillors Reeves, Galluccio,
Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council June 10, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.