



City of Cambridge

29.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 1996

COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that **Edward Benjamin (Bokah-Worjolah) McClain, Sr.**, father of Reverend John Weseh McClain, of Cambridge, will celebrate his ninety-second birthday on March 4, 1996; and

WHEREAS: The Honorable Edward McLain was born in Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, in the Republic of Liberia and is a member of the Kru Tribal Grouping and a citizen of Liberia; and

WHEREAS: After graduation Summa Cum Laude from Liberia College, the Honorable Edward McLain joined the Internal Revenue Service of Liberia, where he served for more than fifty years, rose from Cadet to Financial Advisor, and was awarded on retirement, his country's highest natural distinction, the Great Band of the Humane Order of African Redemption; and

WHEREAS: The Honorable Edward McClain is a lifelong member and Trustee Emeritus of Eliza Turner Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia, Liberia; and

WHEREAS: The Honorable Edward McClain is the loving father of sixteen children and a host of grand and great-grand children, one of whom is Daniel Worjolsh McClain, a recent graduate of the Martin Luther King, Jr. School in Cambridge and a recipient of Certificates of Recognition from the 1995 Speech and Playwriting Festivals; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record wishing **Edward Benjamin (Bokah-Worjolah) McClain** a very happy ninety-second birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the **Honorable Edward McClain** on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 4, 1996

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

Whereas: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Edward Benjamin (BOKATH-WOKJOTOT) McClain, Sr., father of Reverend John Wesley McClain, of Cambridge, ~~and~~ ~~fifteen other children, grandfather of~~ will celebrate his ninety-second birthday on February 26, 1996; and

Whereas: ~~He~~: The Honorable Edward McClain was born in Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, in the Republic of Liberia and is a member of the Kru Tribal Grouping and a citizen of Liberia; and

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Resolved: That this C-C go on readily wishing Edward Benjamin (BOKAH-WORJOLAH) McClain a very happy ninety-second birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED: SEC to the Honorable Edward McClain

EDWARD BENJAMIN (BOKAH-WORJOLOH) McCLAIN, Sr. Great Grandfather, Ardent Christian Trustee, Fiscal Patriot and Administrator.

Born February 26, 1916, to Reverend and Mrs. John Sharpe (Bokah) McClain in Harper, Cape Palmas, Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, he is a member of the Kru Tribal Grouping and citizen of Liberia.

Immediately upon graduation from Liberia College, Summa Cum Laude, he joined the Internal Revenue Service of Liberia, a part of the Department of the Treasury/Ministry of Finance. In that Service where he spent more than FIFTY YEARS of his life, rising from Cadet to Revenue Inspector to Financial Advisor. Distinguished always for his uncompromising integrity, he was awarded on retirement his country's highest national distinction (Great Band of the Humane Order of African Redemption).

A life-long member as well, having attended several General Conferences, the Honourable Edward McClain is Trustee Emeritus of Eliza Turner Memorial AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Monrovia, Liberia.

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C Reeves

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January 21, 1996

The Honourable Kenneth Reeves
CARE Office of the Mayor
Cambridge, MA

Dear Honourable Reeves:

Thank you very much indeed for your telephone call regarding my humble request for a Proclamation in honour of my Father, Edward B. McClain, Sr., a nonagenarian, who will be visiting Cambridge on the occasion of his 92nd birth anniversary, together with his wife, Bernice.

In keeping with your suggestion, I am enclosing a brief statement about his life. Our family will be honored by your consideration.

May the Lord continue to direct and bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Edward B. McClain

John Weseh McClain



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Born, Davis, Aukay, Galluccio
Consent Order #29, Russell, Sullivan

Councillor Reeves re: Very happy ninety-
second birthday to Edward Benjamin
(Bokah-Worjolah) McClain, father of
Reverend John Weseh McClain, of Cambridge.

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Order Adopted