



City of Cambridge

R-1.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2004

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Birge Albright has retired from his position as Assistant City Solicitor effective December 31, 2003, after having served the City for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS: Birge first came to work for the City of Cambridge as a consulting attorney on December 15, 1980, having contracted with former City Manager James L. Sullivan and former City Solicitor Russell B. Higley; and

WHEREAS: Birge was appointed as Legal Counsel on July 1, 1985 by City Manager Robert W. Healy. At that time, under former City Solicitor Russell B. Higley, there were just two other attorneys appointed as Legal Counsel for the City; and

WHEREAS: Birge thereafter served continuously, first as Legal Counsel and then as Assistant City Solicitor for twenty-three years, from 1985 until his retirement on December 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS: During Birge's tenure, under former City Solicitor Higley and current City Solicitor Donald A. Drisdell's leadership, the Law Department has become a first rate full service professional law office, and has grown to include eight full time attorneys doing virtually all of the City's legal work in-house, handling the wide range of legal matters facing the City Manager, the City Council, and our many City Departments; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the years, Birge has consistently demonstrated a high degree of professional competence as an attorney in serving the City; and

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RESOLUTION #1

Resolution on the retirement of Birge
Albright
**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED