



City of Cambridge

33.

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Duehay

April 23, 1990

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- WHEREAS: Mary Conlan was a graduate of Cambridge High and Latin School and of Boston University; and
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- WHEREAS: Mary Conlan's skill in preparing and administering law school budgets and personnel systems was legendary during her 34 years tenure; and
- WHEREAS: While Mary had long been involved in social, community and political activity in her native Cambridge, her retirement years brought forth a torrent of new and productive voluntary energy and accomplishment; and
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- WHEREAS: Reliability, foresight, determination and cheerfulness were among the many creative qualities Mary brought to her numerous volunteer tasks; and
- WHEREAS: So much of her work was characterized by an unusual commitment both to the diversity of Cambridge, as witnessed by her long battle to retain rent control, and to the special character of Cambridge's neighborhoods and squares, as witnessed by her persistent concern with the protection of Harvard Square; and
- WHEREAS: Her achievements in retirement may well have equalled or surpassed her professional accomplishments; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Mayor be requested to appoint a small committee of Mary's friends to recommend a suitable public memorial in her honor; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this City Council takes note of her notable contribution to social and political life in Cambridge and expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Conlan at her passing.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Councillor Duehay resolution on the
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Order adopted