



City of Cambridge

R-39.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 12, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On August 4, 1930, a gang of assailants were giving trouble to Cambridge Patrolman William Anderson and his life was in grave danger as he sought to perform his sworn duty of providing safety to the streets of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A citizen of Cambridge, 29 year old Allan T. McPherson, passing by the intersection of Main Street and Windsor Street, came to the aid of Patrolman Anderson; and

WHEREAS: During the heroic act of aiding Patrolman Anderson as he successfully subdued one of the suspects, Allan T. McPherson was terribly beaten by members of the group and later died; and

WHEREAS: It is without question that Allan T. McPherson behaved in a manner befitting the title of hero and that his bravery and example of fine citizenry are of the highest caliber and standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has decided to rename the Citizen Service Award given out each year at the Cambridge Police Department Awards and Recognition Ceremony, and will henceforth each year bestow this same award for excellence and bravery under the name of The Allan T. McPherson Citizen Service Award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the Cambridge City Council go on record expressing their condolences to the family of Allan T. McPherson, as well as their deep appreciation for his bravery and service on August 4, 1930; 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 family of Allan T. McPherson on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

RESOLUTION #39

Condolences to the family of Allan
T. McPherson and appreciation for
his bravery and service

**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED