



City of Cambridge

R-61.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 3, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 VICE MAYOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The year 2000 ushers in the new millennium. This new era must refer back to the past century from time to time to measure advances in the thinking of humankind; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge this weekend April 6, 7 & 8 will host a series of events at Harvard University which commemorates the founding of Harvard University's Department of Afro-American Studies Department. Many members of the Harvard College classes of 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 and later classes will return to Cambridge to celebrate this momentous occasion; and
- WHEREAS: Some may wonder what the real significance of this weeks' celebration is?; and
- WHEREAS: Harvard students, particularly from the late 1960's and 1970's especially the students of African descent, could tell you of how the Harvard administrators and Faculty at that time were very reluctant to include the study of the contributions of people of African descent as a serious discipline or possible course of study. Here thirty years later the Department of Afro-American Studies is amongst the most pre-eminent in the university today; and
- WHEREAS: Much must be said during this 30th Anniversary Celebration about Professor Ewart Guinier the departments' first Chairman and about his successors; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge is especially proud today to be the home of both the Department of Afro-American Studies and the place where Chairman Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and the "Dream Team" excites us with their continuous stream of breakthroughs and awesome accomplishments; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: Welcome to all who have come to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Harvard University Department of Afro-American Studies. This day began long ago we are pleased to see you and to enjoy this celebration.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Resolution #61

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Councillor Reeves, Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Decker and entire membership

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ORDER ADOPTED