



City of Cambridge

36.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 1991

VICE MAYOR REEVES

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WHEREAS: The Museum of Afro American History is dedicated to advancing our knowledge of the African American presence in the New England region, and celebrating the vitality of African American culture and its impact on the nation's history and contemporary life; and

WHEREAS: From April 22 to June 30, 1991, the Museum will exhibit a photo collection entitled "Sojourner's Daughters: Boston African American Women Who Make A Difference," by acclaimed photographer, Lou Jones; and

WHEREAS: These photographs capture the substance and soul of twenty-seven Black Boston area women who are pioneers in various fields and contributors to a better quality of life in our area; and

WHEREAS: "Sojourner's Daughters" places each of these women on an historical continuum, matching each contemporary woman with an historical Black woman known to have been a leader in a comparable field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS: The contemporary Black Women featured in this unique exhibit are: The Honorable Joyce London Alexander, first Black woman U.S. magistrate in Massachusetts; Ruth Batson, educator and civil rights activist; Sarah Beattie, teacher and author; Erline Belton, businesswoman and activist; the Honorable Margaret Burnham, first Black women jurist in Massachusetts and civil rights attorney; the Honorable Barbara A. Dorch, first Black woman to serve on the Massachusetts Superior Court; Anna Faith Jones, first U.S. Black woman to head a major community foundation; Anna Bobbit Gardner, founder of the Academy of Musical Arts; Reverend Dr. Cheryl Gilkes, minister and college professor; Mildred C. Hailey, tenant activist; Amanda V. Houston, educator and community activist; Ruth-Arlene W. Howe, Associate Professor of Law, Boston College; Ellen S. Jackson, educator and civil rights activist; the Honorable Marie O. Jackson-Thompson, Justice in Cambridge District Court, Juvenile Department; Jackie Jenkins-Scott, leader in comprehensive community health services; Elma Lewis, founder and Artistic Director of the National Center for Afro-American Artists; Jean M. McGuire, civil rights activist and educator, Verdaya Mitchell-Brown, librarian and activist; Laura B. Morris, corporate manager and community activist; Theresa Perry, educator, and advocate for minority students; Karen Powell, founder and president of Powell Advertising and Design; Joanna Rorie,

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RESOLVED: That the City Council recognize the vital contributions of these twenty-seven women and their historical counterparts to the life and history of our region, express its special pride in Cambridge residents Hon. Joyce London Alexander, Sarah Beattie, Theresa Perry and Barbara Ward, and extend its congratulations to the Museum of Afro American History on the occasion of this important exhibit, and encourage all Cambridge residents to attend and learn more about the impact of African American women on American history; and be it further

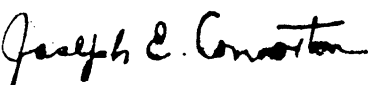
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Monica Fairbairn, Executive Director, Museum of Afro American History, 46 Joy Street, Corner of Smith Court, Boston, MA 02114.

In City Council April 22, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL ORDER
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APRIL 18, 1991

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Joseph E. Conerton City Clerk

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CONSENT

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