

WHEREAS: Key among Michael's strengths as a City Councillor was his commitment to finding the common ground necessary for the Council to make difficult policy decisions, from voting to allow a beloved but at-risk city hospital to become part of a new regional authority not owned by the City, to setting aside bitter differences at the end of rent control to establish housing policies that protected the most vulnerable tenants and led to the creation of hundreds of new affordable housing units in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Among his many accomplishments as Mayor of Cambridge for two consecutive terms from 2002 to 2005, Michael is proudest of his work to turn Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) around from its decline to a undesirable institution losing its accreditation in 2002 to a path of recovery to becoming again a jewel in the Cambridge crown; and

WHEREAS: As a City Councillor, Michael always "did his homework;" he had always read the material to be discussed at meetings; he attended the meetings of the committees of which he was a member, and many others as well, he listened to his colleagues, city staff and the public, and he returned every phone call; and

WHEREAS: Most important of all, in keeping with the traditions of the Sullivan family ethic of public service, as a City Councillor, Michael always did his best to help all of those who needed assistance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its thanks and appreciation to former Mayor and City Councillor Michael A. Sullivan for his almost fourteen years of dedicated and distinguished service to the citizens of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Michael A. Sullivan on behalf of the entire City Council.

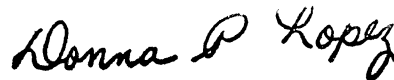
In City September 10, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



Donna P. Lopez
Deputy City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-143.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2007

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

WHEREAS: Michael Anthony Sullivan, Clerk of Middlesex Superior Court, has resigned from the Cambridge City Council; and

WHEREAS: Michael was born on August 26, 1959, along with his twin brother Walter, Jr. to Walter J. and Marion (Colarusso) Sullivan; and

WHEREAS: Michael grew up in Cambridge as one of five children in a family with a strong ethic of public service; he learned politics and public service in his own home through his grandfather's, uncle's and father's experience as members of the City Council and holders of elected public office; and

WHEREAS: Michael graduated from Boston College High School, Boston College and Boston College Law School, a "Triple Eagle;" and

WHEREAS: Michael was elected to the first of his seven terms as a Cambridge City Councillor in 1993; during his first term he was appointed by then-Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves as Chair of the Finance Committee, and his quick mastery of and depth of understanding and commitment to the financial affairs of the City ensured his reappointment to that position every term except for 2002 to 2005, when he served as Mayor of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: During Michael's tenure he led the City Council in adopting budgets and policies that have brought Cambridge to its enviable position of financial well-being; when Michael began his first term, Cambridge's free cash was approximately \$9 million, today Cambridge has \$60 million in free cash and excess levy capacity and a triple A Bond rating; and

WHEREAS: As Chair of the Finance Committee, Michael worked effectively with the City's financial administration and his fellow council members to ensure the adoption of a comprehensive capital plan that invested these resources in the City's infrastructure, including a new library, police station, water works, storm and sewer separation; and

RESOLUTION #143

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**Vice Mayor Toomey, Mayor
Reeves and entire membership**

**In City Council
September 10, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED