



City of Cambridge

R-22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 19, 2005

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

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of John "Jack" Langstaff on December 13, 2005; and
- WHEREAS: John was born on Christmas Eve in 1920; and
- WHEREAS: John had a long and lustrous career in music education as head of music at the Potomac School in Virginia and at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge. He hosted the popular "Making Music" program on BBC-TV in London and was the moderator of an NBC-TV Saturday morning children's program, "Children Explore Books." John was also an award-winning children's author including twenty-five books and two collections of African-American spirituals with Ashley Bryan and John Andrew Ross, one of which was a notable Coretta Scott King honor book.
- WHEREAS: John was the founder of the Christmas Revels; and
- WHEREAS: On December 29, 1957, in New York's Town Hall, John presented the first production of the Christmas Revels, and in 1971, presented the first performance of Christmas Revels at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge, where it has been staged every year since; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout his life John has continued to share his profound love and knowledge of music with audiences both young and old; and
- WHEREAS: John will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of John Langstaff at this time of such personal loss; 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 Langstaff family 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:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

RESOLUTION #22

Resolution on the death of John
Langstaff.

**Councillor Davis and entire
membership**

**In City Council
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ORDER ADOPTED