



City of Cambridge

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MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR DANEHY

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 1986

- WHEREAS: In 1920, at the age of 16, leaving his mother with 5 children younger than he, with borrowed money and one day's notice of the date of sail, John Gimigliano left his native Italy and boarded the S.S. Patria for his journey to America; and
- WHEREAS: After sailing for thirteen days and nights, the S.S. Patria sailed into New York Harbor where, says John,
- "I saw the biggest statue I have ever seen in my life. It gave me the impression that this was the patron saint of America.... I prayed that I would find a home and work, so that I could help my family back home"; and
- WHEREAS: Having found a job in New York as a shoe shine boy, he watched and learned shoe repairing, hat cleaning and orthopedic adjustments; with this knowledge and experience of two years in hand, he took a better job in New Jersey which paid \$25 per week; 2 years later, while visiting relatives in Brockton, he was hired by a shoe factory at \$30 per week; and
- WHEREAS: In October, 1932, inspired by the encouragement of a salesman from American Shoe Machinery, together with enormous help in acquiring the necessary machinery and materials, John Gimigliano opened his shop at 2390 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. Today, 54 years later, John Gimigliano, known, respected and loved by all of us as, "John the Cobbler", continues to make his living by repairing soles. In the process, he has made his mark on those who know him by the great quality of his inner soul and spirit; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council pay honor to John Gimigliano, "John the Cobbler", by designating the intersection at 2390 Massachusetts Avenue and Alberta Terrace, as John Gimigliano Square; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager direct the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Directors of other appropriate City Departments, to execute this Resolution with dispatch, and arrange with John Gimigliano and his family for a date and time for the dedication of the Square and the unveiling of the sign which will so designate it; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Acting City Clerk forward a duly engrossed copy of this resolution to John Gimigliano.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order # 5 H-86

M. Walter Sullivan & C. Danehy re: resolutions
naming the intersection of 2390 Mass. Ave. &
Alberta Terrace as John Gimigliano Square.

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