



City of Cambridge

21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 4, 1993

COUNCILLOR WOLF
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE-MAYOR CYR
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: John Kenneth Galbraith, the Paul M. Warburg Professor of Economics Emeritus at Harvard University, is celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday with a gala celebration at the Boston Public Library; and

WHEREAS: John Kenneth Galbraith is a man of multi-faceted talents, having in his youth studied agriculture and judged livestock contests, having organized the Office of Price Control under Franklin Delano Roosevelt and directed the Strategic Bombing Survey after World War II, having been Ambassador extraordinaire to India under President Kennedy, in addition to his well-known role as economist, professor and novelist; and

WHEREAS: John Kenneth Galbraith's interests in politics started at the feet of his father who was himself politically active -- perhaps even a ward-heeler -- and led, to what Professor Galbraith has written as a life-long preoccupation, "My legacy was the inherent insecurity of the farm-reared boy in combination with an aggressive feeling that I owed it to all I encountered to make them better informed;" and

WHEREAS: This interest led Galbraith to serve Presidents Roosevelt, and Kennedy and to provide campaign support to Adlai Stevenson, Eugene McCarthy (as Galbraith was an early opponent of the Vietnam war), and subsequent Democrat presidential candidates; and

WHEREAS: In his urge to make many people "better informed," John Kenneth Galbraith has written so many books that many trees would have to be felled to only list them, but we note the breadth of his interests by citing the most recent -- A Brief History of Financial Euphoria, published in 1993, and the aesthetic Indian Painting: the Scene, Themes, and Legends;" and

WHEREAS: As professor and economist, John Kenneth Galbraith has educated many, influenced decisions-makers, and made economics more accessible to both students and the public; and

WHEREAS: John Kenneth Galbraith has received many academic degrees and honors, including honorary degrees from as far away as Buenos Aires and as close as Harvard University; and

WHEREAS: In his distinguished life and his love of entertaining friends and associates, John Kenneth Galbraith has had the patient support of his wonderful wife Catherine (Kitty) and he has enjoyed the pleasure of seeing the success of his three sons; Peter, the recently appointed Ambassador to Croatia; Jamie, a professor of economics at the University of Texas; and Alan, a lawyer at the Washington DC firm of Williams and Connolly; and

WHEREAS: John Kenneth Galbraith, while having word-wide influence, has had great interest in his home city of many years -- Cambridge -- writing some years ago: "Cambridge has become over the years a minor triumph of good government....There is no city anywhere, let us remind ourselves, where so many people of differing origins, cultures, races, and aspirations, live so amicably together in the same communities, on the same street and in the same apartment houses. The whole country notes our surprise, shock, and sorrow when anything goes wrong -- here! To all of these matters first credit belongs unquestionably to the mature good sense of the people of the community...."; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the mature good sense of the Cambridge City Council inspires it to send congratulations and best wishes to John Kenneth Galbraith, active citizen of Cambridge, on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday; and further that

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to John Kenneth Galbraith at his gala birthday party.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Shelley Myers, Council, City
Consent Order # 21, *P-401*

Councillor Wolf resolutions on the
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Galbraith.

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Order Adopted