



City of Cambridge

11.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 13, 1993

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of
Reverend W. Murray Kenney on November 27, 1993; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Kenney, born and raised in Somerville, was a graduate of Tufts University and was a well-known figure around Harvard Square and ran what he called his "Latrine Ministry", a term coined because the Reverend let many of the young people hanging out around the square in the 1960's use the Church's bathroom, out of Christ Church; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Kenney reached out to many members of the burgeoning counterculture and encouraged them to become part of the church and he recruited other clergy to serve as mediators between the authorities and the young people; and

WHEREAS: In 1967, Reverend Kenney extended his church to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. who had come to Harvard to speak against the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS: Years later, Reverend Kenney was at the forefront of the fight to allow women to become ordained Episcopalian Ministers and in 1974 he was one of the consecrators of 11 women priests in Philadelphia, an act that defied church leaders; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Kenney delivered many of his avant garde ideas through the WEEI and later WRKO radio stations, reaching many more people than his 1100-member congregation; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Kenney's passing will leave a void in the lives of all of his surviving family, his children David Murray, Kathryn Kenney and Christine Mulready; his six grandchildren and his ex-wife, Constance Kenney; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Kenney 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 **Reverend W. Murray Kenney** at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable engrossed copy of this resolution to the Kenney family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Consent.

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Sheehan, Russell Toomey
Consent Order #11
Walsh R-596
Councillor Sullivan re: Death
resolution for Reverend W. Murray
Kenney.

Order Adopted

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