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IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor William H. Walsh

April 24, 1989

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- WHEREAS: On April 23, 1915, a child was born who, in the course of his life, would be elected to government service in the City of Cambridge, during which time he has and continues to personify what Hubert Humphrey said government should be to the people. The newly born child of April 23, 1915 is the Honorable Alfred E. Vellucci, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, who celebrates his 74th birthday; and
- WHEREAS: Having served on the Cambridge School Committee from January, 1952 to January 1956, and on the City Council since January, 1956, presiding as Mayor in 1970-1971; 1976-1977; 1982-1983; 1988-1989, His Honor has looked out for those in the dawn of life, the children by his determination to build new schools and renovate older school buildings; by being the catalyst for creation of the Computer School of the Future within the Tobin School; by being the tireless advocate for establishing Community Schools and establishing the Bilingual Program in the Cambridge School Department in 1970, as well as being the driving force for establishing the Department's Affirmative Action office; and
- WHEREAS: For those in the twilight of life, the aged, His Honor worked to create housing as evident in Millers River, LBJ, Burns, Truman and Putnam Apartments; he was a strong supporting force in the renovation and new construction of Neville Manor Nursing Home; and
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RESOLVED: That this Council extends Birthday Greetings and many happy returns to His Honor, the Mayor, on this day as he celebrates his 74th birthday, a person who has proven that the dreams of yesterday are the realities of today because the person who dreamed had the determination to make the dreams live, and in expression thereof, confers the title of Mayor Emeritus upon the Honorable Alfred E. Vellucci, effective January 1, 1990 for life; and be it further

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy:-

ATTEST


Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #24

S-278

C. Walsh re: resolutions extending the Council's Birthday Greetings to His Honor, Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci as he celebrates his 74th birthday (April 23rd) & further, conferring the title of Mayor Emeritus upon him, effective January 1, 1990, for life.

In City Council,

April 24, 1989

4-24-89

Order Adopted