



City of Cambridge

120.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 1998

MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: His Excellency Nelson Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa, will be honored at a special convocation at Harvard University, Tercentenary Theatre, on Friday, September 18, 1998 for the purpose of receiving an honorary degree; and

WHEREAS: Nelson Mandela is an icon, a symbol in the fight against segregation or race known as Apartheid; and

WHEREAS: Nelson Mandela, while serving a life sentence in prison, personified the struggle for justice in South Africa; and

WHEREAS: Seven years after his release from prison, and after Apartheid was ended, Mandela is still fighting for freedom, and against all racial segregation similar to Apartheid; and

WHEREAS: The patience, the wisdom, the visionary quality he brought to his struggle, and above all, the moral integrity, with which he set about to unify a divided people, resulted in the country's first democratic elections and his selection as President; and

WHEREAS: Nelson Mandela is seen around the world as a symbol of freedom; and

WHEREAS: Nelson Mandela has said: "During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to the struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve, but if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its love for His Excellency Nelson Mandela as an embodiment of these ideals; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council and the entire Cambridge community congratulate His Excellency Nelson Mandela on his receipt of an honorary degree from Harvard University; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to His Excellency Nelson Mandela 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;

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
JANUARY 1990

Consent Order #120

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