

- WHEREAS: MAPS lost one of its most distinguished volunteer citizenship teachers, Manuel Nunes Coutinho at age 89, who had given of himself for over 30 years; and
- WHEREAS: Manuel was a man of rare intelligence, wit and compassion; and
- WHEREAS: Manuel's passing will leave a void in the lives of his family and all the individuals he touched, taught and loved; and
- WHEREAS: A special tribute to honor this wonderful man will take place on Monday, October 28, 2002 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the MAPS Cambridge Office; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking Manuel Nunes Coutinho for all the work he had done with the Portuguese speaking members of our community and wish this group continued success; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution to the family of Manuel Nunes Coutinho and the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 28, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

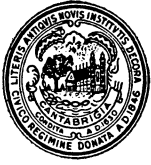
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 2002

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) is a private, non-profit, community-based organization that has provided a wide range of health and human services to Portuguese speakers and other residents of eastern Massachusetts since 1970; and

WHEREAS: The agency offers a variety of programs that break down language and cultural barriers to health and social services, education and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS: MAPS in its present form was created in 1993 by the merger of two other agencies. The agencies; the former Somerville Portuguese American League (SPAL) and Cambridge Organization of Portuguese Americans (COPA), had served area Portuguese speakers separately for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS: They merged to improve service provision and further unify the Portuguese-speaking community, including immigrants from eight countries around the world; and

WHEREAS: Most MAPS' clients in the Boston area and northeastern Massachusetts are from Brazil, Cape Verde or Portugal. The MAPS staff and Board of Directors come from linguistic and cultural backgrounds that reflect the diversity of the agency's clientele; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the Massachusetts Association of Portuguese Speakers is to improve the lives of Portuguese-speaking individuals and families from Massachusetts and help them become contributing, active participants in American society while maintaining strong ethnic identity and a sense of community; and

WHEREAS: MAPS works with and for the Brazilian, Cape Verdean, Portuguese and other Portuguese-speaking communities to increase access and remove barriers to health, education and social services through direct services, advocacy, leadership and community development; and

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Resolution thanking Manuel Nunes Coutinho for all the work he had done with the Portuguese-speaking members of our community and wishing the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers continued success.

Mayor Sullivan and entire membership

In City Council October 28, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.