

WHEREAS: Professor Newman's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his brother Jan Newman and his wife Alyce; his sister Diane Cummins; his stepchildren Nancy Bauer Fantozzi, Paul Bauer, and David Bauer; several nieces, nephews and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Professor Newman 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 Professor Richard A. Newman at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

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

In City Council August 4, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 2003

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

WHEREAS: Professor Richard A. Newman, one of the foremost scholars of African-American studies at Harvard University, died on July 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS: As a 25 year-old Presbyterian minister in Syracuse, N.Y., Professor Newman met the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and decided to raise money for the civil rights movement. Soon after, he vowed to spend his life working for black freedom, moving beyond civil rights to seek solutions on issues in areas from education and health care to jobs and housing; and

WHEREAS: As Professor Newman recently wrote in a book colleagues published about his life, "I knew two things for certain. Prejudicial distinctions based on race are wrong. And that America's great unsolved problem of justice is race"; and

WHEREAS: Professor Newman's career included writing essays and books, editing the work of renowned scholars, and compiling vast bibliographies of African-American literature for publishing companies. Dr. Newman started his teaching career at Boston University. In 1992, Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department at Harvard University, recruited Professor Newman from his post at Columbia University to be director of research at Harvard's Black Studies Program; and

WHEREAS: Professor Newman devoted a decade to helping to build Harvard's Afro-American Studies Department. In June 2003, he retired from his post as a researcher at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research; and

WHEREAS: Professor Newman was the beloved husband of Belynda B. Bady; and

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RESOLUTION#42

Resolution on the death of Professor
Richard A. Newman.

**Councillor Simmons and entire
membership**

In City Council August 4, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED