



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

34.

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 1989

- WHEREAS:** A local veteran hospital administrator, Sister Annette Caron, S.G.M., will soon leave her position as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Youville Hospital and Rehabilitation Center; completing 21 years of dedication to the sick and infirmed of the hospital; and
- WHEREAS:** Sister Caron's first exposure to the Grey Nuns began when she entered the former Holy Ghost Hospital School of Practical Nursing; a program from which she graduated and subsequently developed many close ties to the Grey Nuns, as well as to the medical community; a bond which caused her to enter the Order and pronounce her vows in 1944; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout her distinguished career, Sister Caron held a variety of nursing and administrative positions, including service at the Saint Peter's General Hospital in New Jersey; the Grey Nuns Provincial in Lexington, Massachusetts; serving as Foundress and Administrator of the West African Mission in Kabba, Kwara State, Nigeria and at Saint Joseph's General Hospital in Nashua, New Hampshire, prior to returning to the Youville Hospital in 1968 as President and Chief Executive Officer of the 305 bed chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital; and
- WHEREAS:** Sister Caron majored in Business Administration at Boston College and Hospital Administration at Fordham University in New York and Saint Louis University in Saint Louis, Missouri; always working to improve her ability to deliver "state of the art" health care to those placed under her responsibility; and
- WHEREAS:** While Sister Caron served as President and Chief Executive Officer, the Youville Hospital undertook an ambitious fund-raising/reconstruction program, which culminated in the total renovation of the South and West wings of the hospital; a project which many people believed just would not happen; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That this City Council go on record extending its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Sister Annette Caron, S.G.M., for her tireless efforts to improve both the quality of health care and the environment in which it is developed and to further extend to her every good wish for her new assignment at the Provincial in Lexington, Massachusetts; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Sister Caron on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council August 7, 1989.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

June 23, 1989

Mr. Joseph Connarton,
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton,

At the request of Mr. Walter Sullivan,
the attached is being forwarded to your
attention.

Good luck!

Sincerely,



Evelyn White,
Exec. Secretary

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June 22, 1989

MINI-BIOGRAPHY re: SR. ANNETTE CARON, S.G.M., PRESIDENT/CEO
YOUVILLE HOSPITAL & REHABILITATION CENTER

Sr. Caron was born into the Caron family in Salem, Mass. and was the 9th of 13 children (6 boys and 7 girls). (Aren't we lucky that her parents did not believe in birth control)

Her first exposure to the Grey Nuns occurred when she entered and graduated from the Holy Ghost Hospital's School of Practical Nursing in Cambridge. That began a relationship with the Grey Nuns that continued to grow over the years.

She pronounced her vows as a Grey Nun in 1944 and immediately began a service to God and humanity that is difficult to equal.

Over the years, she has served at

- St. Peters General Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey,
- the Business Office (1947-1952) at what was then known as the Holy Ghost Hospital for Incurables,
- was Director of Business Administration (1952-1961) for the Grey Nuns Provincial Administration in Lexington, MA
- was Provincial Councillor and Secretary (1961-1963) for the Grey Nuns Provincial Administration in Lexington, MA
- was Foundress and Administrator (Nov. 1963-June 1967) of the West African Mission, in Kabba, Kwara State, Nigeria. This was a complex which included a new 78-bed general hospital, a high school for girls, and an orphanage for 25 infants,
- she served as Administrative Assistant (7/67-8/68) at St. Joseph's General Hospital, Nashua, N.H.
- she returned to Youville Hospital in August 1968 and has remained at the Hospital to this day (1989) serving as President/CEO for a 305-bed chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital.

Her other activities included serving on various Boards, such as

- President of the Board of Directors at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, N.H.
- American Cancer Society, Cambridge Unit
- American Academy of Medical Administrators
- South Middlesex Hospital Association
- Metropolitan Boston Hospital Council (Executive Committee)

She was granted Fellowship by the American Academy of Medical Administrators, and in October 1980, she received the Award as Administrator of the Year from the AAMA.

Her educational pursuits have been majoring in Business Administration at Boston College, Misericordia College, in Dallas, Pennsylvania, and Marguerite Youville College, in Montreal, Canada.

She also studied Hospital Administration at Fordham University in New York and the St. Louis University in St. Louis Missouri.

She comes from a warm, loving and caring family, and attributes her stamina and standards to her wonderful parents and family, and especially to the Grey Nuns with whom she has worked over the years.

As she carried out her responsibilities at Youville Hospital, her first consideration has always been for the benefit and comfort of the patients at the Hospital. This comes across quite vividly to anyone who has worked with her in any capacity. Her complete trust in Divine Providence and the Foundress of the Grey Nuns (Blessed Marguerite d'Youville), coupled with the loyal support of employees and friends, have helped her to bring about the miracle construction of the new South and West Wings of the Hospital. In every definition of the word, this construction is certainly a "miracle" because it was accomplished against all odds and at a time when "those in the know" claimed it could never happen. What they didn't reckon with is the fact that Sr. Caron KNEW it could be done!

Sr. Annette Caron will be leaving her position as President/CEO of Youville Hospital on August 31, 1989. She has served the Hospital well; she has served the patients well; she has served the employees and the community well; and she has served the Grey Nuns well. But most of all, she has served her God very well by allowing herself to be used as His instrument to provide a Hospital where the chronically ill will be cared for with dignity and respect. That is a visible tribute of her persistence to care for those in need.

So many have benefited by her presence - by her existence. She is a credit to the Grey Nuns, to Youville Hospital, and to her parents. The people in the Cambridge area have gained much by having her work in this community over these many years.

WE SALUTE YOU SR. CARON - WE THANK YOU SR. CARON - WE LOVE YOU SR. CARON!.

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Councilor Walter Sullivan

August 7, 1989

Whereas:

A local veteran hospital administrator,
Sister Annette Carson S.B.M., will soon leave
her position as President and Chief Executive
Officer of the Yonville Hospital and Rehabilitation
Center completing 21 years of faithful dedication
to the sick and injured of the hospital, and

Whereas:

Sister Carson's first exposure to the
Grey Nuns began when she entered the
former Holy Ghost Hospital School of Practical
Nursing, a program from which she



she graduated and subsequently developed many close ties with the Grey Nuns as well as with the medical community, a bond which caused her to enter the order and pronounced her vows in 1944, and

whereas:

Throughout her distinguished career Sister Caron held a variety of nursing, and administrative positions including service at the Saint Peter's General Hospital in New Jersey, the Grey Nuns Provincial in Lexington, Massachusetts



served as Founder and Administrator
 of the West African Mission in Kala, Kano State, Nigeria and at Saint Joseph's General Hospital in Nashua, New Hampshire prior to returning to the Greenville Hospital in 1968 as President and Chief Executive Officer of the 305 bed chronic disease and rehabilitation hospital, and elsewhere.

Sister Caron majored in Business Administration at Boston College and Hospital Administration at Fordham University in New York and

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Saint Louis University in Saint Louis

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her ability to deliver "state of the art"

health care to those placed under

her responsibility and

whereas:

While Sister Caron served as

President and Chief Executive Officer, the

Yorville Hospital undertook an ambitious

fund raising / re-construction program which

culminated in the total renovation of the

South and West Wings of the hospital,

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Now there fore be it

Resolved:

That the City Council go on
record attending its sincere appreciation
and gratitude to Sister Annette Carson
S.G.M. for her tireless efforts in improving
both the quality of ^{health} care and the
environment in which it is developed
to further extend to her every good wish
and

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in Lexington, Massachusetts, and be it further

Resolution:

That the City Clerk be
and he/she is requested to prepare
a suitably engrossed resolution for
presentation to Santa Clara on
behalf of the entire City Council.



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Order #34

S-513

C.W.J. Sullivan re: resolutions in appreciation of the service of Sr. Annette Caron, S.G.M., as she leaves her position as President & CEO of Youville Hospital.

In City Council,

August 7, 1989

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ORDER ADOPTED