



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JOHN W. LYONS, MAYOR

January 16, 1940

To the Honorable, the City Council:

John D. Merrill, a well known and highly respected citizen of Cambridge, died at his home in this city on Tuesday, January 9, after a short illness.

Mr. Merrill served as a member of the old Common Council during the years 1899, 1900 and 1901, the latter two years as President, and as a member of the Board of Aldermen during the year 1902. In the year 1912 he became a member of the Trustees of the Cambridge City Hospital. In all of his public service he acted with honor and distinction.

For more than fifty years he was associated with a leading Metropolitan newspaper as reporter and editor, and for the last thirty-seven years he was editor of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin. In all his dealings with his fellow man he had established a reputation for courage and honesty.

I recommend that suitable action be taken by your honorable board as a mark of respect to the memory of this well known citizen of Cambridge.

Yours respectfully,

John W. Lyons
Mayor

COMMUNICATION
from the Mayor, transmitting
~~one from notice of the death of~~
John D. Merrill, a former member
of the old Common Council and Board
of Aldermen.

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In City Council

Referred to Special Committee
Cannell, Roche, Parker, Toomey, Pille
and Hogan ~~affr~~

Frederick H. Barker
City Clerk

Roche
Parker
Toomey
Pille
Hogan



City of Cambridge

In City Council JAN 23 1940

IN CITY COUNCIL

*Adopted unanimously by
a rising vote*

January 23, 1940

WHEREAS *Fredrick W. Banks* City Clerk

A communication has been received from His Honor, the Mayor, notifying the City Council of the death on January 9, 1940 of Mr. John D. Merrill, it is fitting and proper that notice be taken of the sad event.

Mr. Merrill was a member of this Honorable Body in the Old Common Council and was its president in 1899-1901 as well as also being a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1902. In 1912 he was appointed as a Trustee of the Cambridge Municipal Hospital, serving all these offices with honor and distinction.

He was associated with the Boston Globe for half a century where his writings on college sports, music and financial news will long be remembered. Later he devoted his time to political news. For thirty-seven years he was editor of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin.

An unassuming man, courteous and sympathetic, Mr. Merrill made friends easily and always held them. These were not confined to any class or political faction, but embraced all peoples. Despite the fact that his writings during his past years were almost entirely political, he made but very few enemies. All who knew him loved and respected him and he will be greatly missed by his host of friends and associates. Be it therefore

RESOLVED:-

That this City Council hereby records the loss sustained in the death of John D. Merrill, a former member and president of this governing body and would have this tribute to his memory spread upon the records.

Executive Department JAN 25 1940
John W. Rogers
Approved

JAN 25 1940

Frank H. Parker

City of Cambridge

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The

Committee on Resolutions

to which was referred a communication from His Honor, the Mayor, transmitting notice of death of John D. Merrill, former member of the old Common Council and Board of Aldermen

Reports,

Recommending the adoption
of the accompanying resolution relative to the same.

For the Committee

Haven Parker

REPORT

Special
Committee on Resolution
Regarding adoption-resolution death
of John D. Greer

Done

Jan. 23, 1940