

WHEREAS: A special program will be hosted by Katherine Lydon, A/Postmaster, Cambridge, with assistance from Bob Stevens, Director, Cambridge Veterans Services; Kit Rawlins, Assistant Director, Cambridge Historical Commission; Sarah Boyer, Cambridge Historical Commission; LeRoy Cragwell, Cambridge African American Heritage Trail Committee; Cambridge Postal Customer Advisory Group; Emma Watkins, Director of the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center; and Marie Killackey, Manager of the Print and Mail Department at the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The program will feature speakers including Cambridge City Councilor Kenneth Reeves; Reverend Jeffrey Brown of the Union Baptist Church in Cambridge; Professor Charles J. Olgetree, and a musical performance from students of the King Open School, Cambridge, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we find it to be appropriate for all citizens to remember the bravery of Sgt. Merriman, so that his dedication and sacrifices serve as a reminder of the cost of our freedom, and to note that when he returned from his Military Service, he dedicated his life to public service as a valued employee of the U. S. Postal Service. He was dedicated to public service to help make this community a better place, and we gather today to remember and reflect upon his heroic acts and his example of good work and fellowship; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record urging all residents to honor the memory of Sgt. Clifton Merriman by attending the Program to Honor Sgt. Clifton Merriman to be held November 13, 2008 at 12:00 Noon in the Merriman Post Office (Central Square); 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 Merriman family on behalf of the entire City Council.

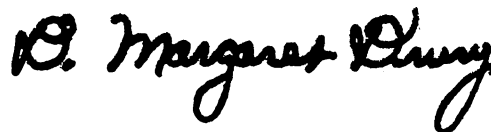
In City Council November 3, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The U. S. Postal Service will be honoring the memory of Sgt. Clifton Merriman on Thursday, November 13, 2008 with the unveiling of a new historical exhibit to celebrate his life. The program will be held at the Clifton Merriman Post Office Building in Cambridge, and we shall reflect upon the fact that the Clifton Merriman Post Office Building was the first Federal Building in New England to be named after an African-American; and

WHEREAS: Sgt. Merriman was a life-long resident of Cambridge, and his family members have been valued and treasured participants in the Cambridge community for over 100 years. His family has provided many hours of devoted community service as members of the Union Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS: Sgt. Merriman was an esteemed official of the U. S. Postal Service in a career that spanned 47 years; he was the first African-American to attain management rank within the Boston area, finishing his career in a position similar to today's Supervisor, Customer Service; and

WHEREAS: Sgt. Merriman was one of the military's most highly decorated African-American soldiers during World War I, and was honored by the United States and French governments for heroism and valor in combat; he was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary" heroism, the Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Medaille Militaire, the Verdun Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Cambridge community, along with Clifton Merriman's daughter Esther Browning and her husband, Dr. Grainger Browning, Sr., and their children, Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr. and Elder Cornelia Browning Moore, and other members of the Merriman Family will be part of the community celebration; and

RESOLUTION #28

Urge all residents to honor the
memory of Sergeant Clifton
Merriman by attending the program
which will honor him on November
13, 2008 at noon at the Central
Square Post Office
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
November 3, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED