



City of Cambridge

24.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 1992

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR CYR
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Robert J. Landers, a familiar face in Harvard Square, will celebrate his 50th year of dedicated service at Billings and Stover Apothecaries; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Landers, a registered pharmacist, is affectionately known as Bob, Red or Doc and has made Cambridge his home during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS: Bob began his career at Billings and Stover as a "soda jerk" behind the soda fountain when the Apothecary was located in the Square at the site presently housing Au Bon Pan; and

WHEREAS: Bob is a veteran of the Korean War and a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy Class of 1959; and

WHEREAS: Bob has given freely of his time, his advice and his friendship these many years from behind the prescription counter at 41A Brattle Street; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Robert J. Landers on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of dedicated service at Billings and Stover Apothecaries; and be it further

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

In City Council September 14, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Robert J. Landers, a familiar face in Harvard Square, will celebrate his 50th year of dedicated service at Billings & Stover Apothecaries, the oldest pharmacy in Massachusetts.

Mr. Landers, a Registered Pharmacist affectionately known as Bob, Red or Doc has lived his entire life in Cambridge. He began his career at Billings & Stover as a young boy as a "soda jerk". He remembers he could "barely reach the soda fountain." That was when Billings & Stover was in the Square, where Au Bon Pain is. He served such personalities as JFK, Historian Arthur Schlesinger and past Harvard University President, James Conant. Bob became a general clerk at the store and only took time out to enlist in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

After the war, Bob went to Massachusetts College of Pharmacy (while working at Billings & Stover) and graduated in 1959. He then joined the other Registered Pharmacists at Billings & Stover. By that time, Billings & Stover had moved to the corner of JFK St (formerly Boylston St.) and Brattle Street where the U.S. Trust Bank currently stands. It was in 1971 when Billings & Stover moved to its current location at 41A Brattle St. Photographs of the previous locations are displayed in the store along with the original prescription log books since 1854.

Bob, a sincere, warm and friendly person, walks to work every morning, and up until a few years ago, would jog around Fresh Pond every nite after work, keeping himself in good shape.

Whether it be counseling a customer about a prescription or advising about an over the counter medicine, many people count on him for their health care. He's as much a fixture at Billings & Stover as he is around Harvard Square. He is a tremendous guy and you realize that within minutes of talking to him. He's accomplished something most people could never achieve, 50 years of service to the same establishment. Congratulations Robert Landers!

Robert Landers - Billings & Stover

Shirley

Frank

Would
you take
care of this
for me!

September 14, 1992

Councillor Russell

Whereas: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Robert J. Lenders, a familiar face in Harvard Square, will celebrate his 50th year of dedicated service at Billings and Stover Apothecaries; and

Whereas: Mr Lenders, a registered pharmacist, is affectionately known as Bob, Red or Doc and has made Cambridge his home during his lifetime; and

Whereas: Bob began his career at Billings & Stover as a "soda jerk" behind the soda fountain when the Apothecary was located in the Square at the site presently housing Au Bon Pan; and

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McGinnis *Wachman* *Sullivan* *Gooney*
Consent Order # 24 *M. Rees* *S-664*
Councillor Russell resolutions on 50
years of service at Billings and Stover
Apothecary of Robert J. Landers.

In City Council,

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Order Adopted