



City of Cambridge

R-26.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2002

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Harvard Bookstore is celebrating its seventieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS: The original Harvard Book Store was founded 70 years ago in 1932 by Mark Kramer, a Boston native, with \$300 borrowed from his parents. When he married two years later, his wife Pauline joined him in the business. The original inventory was comprised entirely of remainders; and

WHEREAS: When Mark died unexpectedly in 1962, his son Frank took over the reins at the age of 20; and

WHEREAS: Over the last forty years the company has operated ten different bookstores serving every aspect of the book-buying marketplace. Between 1980 and 1994 the innovative Harvard Book Store Café on Boston's famed Newbury Street provided a haven and meeting place for New England writers and art lovers; and

WHEREAS: Over the last seventy years the Harvard Book Store has evolved into a landmark literary and scholarly bookstore. Remainders and used books now make up about 20% of sales and the unique inventory appeals primarily to a well read and demanding clientele; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Book Store is also a good neighbor and a generous contributor to the wider community. Owner Frank Kramer is an active Cambridge citizen and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Harvard Square Business Association for over twenty years. Each year the store undertakes an initiative to donate part of its sales to charity on certain days between Thanksgiving and Christmas; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Book Store is more than just an excellent bookstore and a good and generous member of the community; the Harvard Book Store is a true Cambridge institution: an invaluable piece of the fabric that makes Cambridge the unique city that we know and love; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Harvard Book Store on its seventieth anniversary; 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 Harvard Book Store on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION #26

Congratulating the Harvard Book
Store on its seventieth anniversary.
**Councillor Murphy and entire
membership**

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED.