

City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2002

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

WHEREAS: This day the City Council commemorates Edward and Helen Schairer; and

WHEREAS: Helen was born in Norwood, Massachusetts on November 16, 1911; when she was three years old, her father took the whole family back to Poland, and when she turned seventeen, her mother sent her and her two brothers to live with relatives in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Edward was born in Poland on August 17, 1905; at the age of ten he was orphaned by the death of his mother, and he grew up in an orphanage in Russia with one of his brothers and two sisters; in his youth, Edward joined the Polish Calvary, and at the age of twenty-four, he came to the United States and was re-united with his father and older brother; and

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts Edward met Helen Abucewicz, the love of his life; they were married on May 24, 1936 and came to live on Hardy Street in Cambridge and later bought the house on 32 Suffolk Street that is still in the family; and

WHEREAS: The marriage of Helen and Edward was blessed with three fine children, Josephine, Vincent and Edward; in time the children grew up and started families of their own, and Helen and Edward were blessed with nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Shortly after Helen and Edward were married Edward experienced one of the proudest days of his life when he became an American citizen; and

WHEREAS: Edward worked for the Charlestown Navy Yard and for twenty-two years for the MTA (now the MBTA); Helen worked in a local mill until the children came, and when the children grew old enough that she felt she could work outside the home again, she worked for Louis Sportswear on Massachusetts Avenue as a stitcher; and

- WHEREAS: Edward was also a cabinet maker who made beautiful reproduction furniture, and Helen was a talented needle crafter; and
- WHEREAS: Edward and Helen were faithful parishioners at St. Mary of Annunciation Church; and
- WHEREAS: Helen passed away April 23, 1975; and
- WHEREAS: Edward survived Helen by twenty-two years; he was self sufficient and active in the Senior Citizens Club on Pearl Street and in the new Senior Center on Massachusetts Avenue; and
- WHEREAS: Edward passed away on September 15, 1977; and
- WHEREAS: Helen and Edward came from Eastern Europe to meet, marry, settle in Cambridge, work hard and raise a family on Suffolk Street, in a house that is still a family house; and
- WHEREAS: Edward and Helen Schairer loved their family, their neighborhood and their city, and their love and hard work helped to build the city and community we love today; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Suffolk Street and Norfolk Street as;

***Schairer Square
Edward and Helen***

and be it further

- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution for presentation to the Schairer family at the dedication ceremony on September 22, 2002 on behalf of the entire City Council.

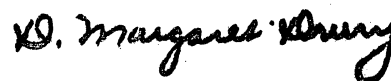
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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ORDERED: That the suitable location be determined for the dedication of Schairer Family Square;
and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange a suitable dedication and arrange for a sign
to be prepared by Public Works.

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ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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A suitable location be determined for
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**Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
and entire membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED.