

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

In City Council April 14, 2003
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

Resolution # 26
IN CITY COUNCIL
April 14, 2003

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Judge Greg Mathis will be a featured guest at the 21st Century Black Massachusetts Conference at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston on April 11th and 12th, 2003; and

WHEREAS: Judge Mathis is an elected judge in Wayne County, Michigan. He grew up in the tough Harmon Garden project in Detroit, and he was in and out of jail and well on his way to a life in prison before he received a visit from his mother while he was awaiting trial in the Wayne County Jail, just 200 feet away from the courthouse where he now presides; and

WHEREAS: His mother, a single parent who had tried unsuccessfully to keep him safe from trouble, broke down and cried as she told him of her pain and embarrassment over his actions and of her recent diagnosis of cancer, with less than a year to live. At that moment, Judge Mathis vowed to change, to make his mother proud before she passed; and

WHEREAS: After an appeal by his mother, a sympathetic judge sentenced him to get his G.E.D., his high school equivalency instead of jail; he did so and went on to college and then law school; and

WHEREAS: When he ran for the elected office of judge, opponents tried to use his criminal past against him, and that tactic backfired on them as Judge Mathis was swept to victory by a public that saw the positive story of how he turned his life around; and

WHEREAS: Judge Mathis will be a featured guest at the conference presentation "Up from the Bricks: A Black Experience;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record welcoming Judge Greg Mathis to the Cambridge area and expressing best wishes for a large audience to have the opportunity of hearing from this inspirational man; and be it further

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**Councillor Reeves and entire
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ORDER ADOPTED.

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