



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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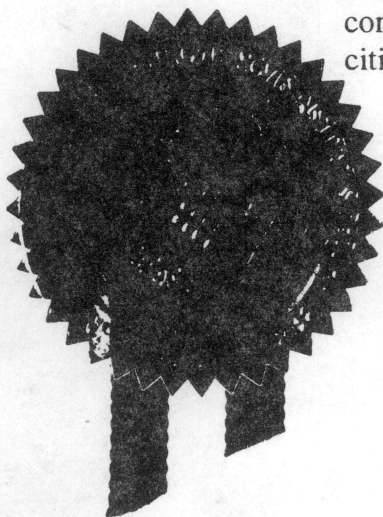
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WHEREAS: Only on very rare occasions does the City of Cambridge have the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of such distinguished citizens; and

WHEREAS: This acknowledgment comes at a time when the City of Cambridge itself is celebrating an anniversary, the 150th year of its incorporation as a city; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulates Ed and Mary Samp on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and recognizes with gratitude the examples they have displayed to all Cambridge residents and the countless contributions they have both made to the social and civic well-being of Cambridge citizens and institutions.



In City Council October 7, 1996.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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Mary Samp

Mary Samp was born in Portland, Maine, and graduated from Smith College in 1941. After graduation, Mary joined two college friends in New York City and took a job with United Airlines, working during the war mostly at LaGuardia Airport, but also substituting occasionally as a stewardess. Mary Samp was assigned to open the United Airlines Office in Boston, organizing their operations in the Statler Building and at Logan Airport. After Ed and Mary married, they raised five children while Mary founded, with friends, the highly successful Cambridge School Volunteers Program which honored her in 1990 with a twenty-five year service award. When that program started, the Cambridge School Department actively resisted offers of assistance from outside agencies. It took Mary's legendary communications skills to convince the Superintendent of Schools that this organization did not intend to undermine public education. At first, the volunteers helped school librarians after their budgets were cut. Then the volunteers found tutors in areas like math and science where specialist teachers did not often exist in the earlier grades. From its modest beginnings, that program now assists several thousand public school students annually. Mary worked for 13 years at the Baker Library of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration while juggling numerous volunteer commitments. Having taken courses in UMass Boston's Gerontology Program, Mary began a career to assist senior citizens. She has served as a board member and board president of the Cambridge Council on Aging. She has served on numerous committees and as board president of the Cambridge Homes, a non-profit assisted living community. Mary continues to serve on the board of Cambridge-Somerville Elder Services. Mary Samp was the founding President of ElderLink, serving from 1991 through 1995, an offshoot of SCES, which helps seniors with home maintenance and brings coordinated assisted living services to "naturally occurring retirement communities." She continues to serve on both the SCES and Elderlink boards and is a key member of several of their subcommittees.

Edward Samp

Ed Samp was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and received both the bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously from the University of Wisconsin. Ed left Harvard Law School to join the Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and was initially stationed in Portland, Maine, where he first met Mary Abbott. Lt. Commander Samp served as gunnery officer aboard the destroyer USS Laffey, in both the 1944 Normandy invasion (Mary and Ed returned to Normandy for the 50th Anniversary in 1944) and at the battle of Okinawa in the Pacific in 1945. At Okinawa, the Laffey was struck by six Japanese Kamikaze bombers and by numerous other bombs but did not sink. 102 of the 360 men on board were killed or injured. Ed was initially thought dead. He received multiple injuries throughout his body and spent the next 16 months recovering at Chelsea Naval Hospital where he underwent numerous operations.

Ed and Mary had a six-month honeymoon after their marriage in 1946 while Ed was still recovering from his wounds. After law school, Ed went to work as an associate for the firm of Haussermann, Davison and Shattuck in Boston. It was difficult for him at that time to work full-time hours, and he often came home exhausted. During the evenings, Mary read aloud to Ed to help him prepare for the bar exam. Mary often said that she felt as well prepared as Ed to take the bar exam. Ed went into the private practice of law in 1950 and officially retired in 1994 although he still maintains his Beacon Street office. A staunch Republican, Ed Samp has been a member of the city's Republican Committee for many years. He ran twice for public office, losing both times to popular Democrats. Ed was appointed to the Cambridge Election Commission in 1960 and served until his retirement in 1995, the last fifteen years as Chair of the Commission. His fair and impartial manner of presiding over the count came to symbolize the integrity of the Cambridge proportional representation voting system in the opinions of persons of all political persuasions. Ed also has a long-standing commitment to the Cambridge Little League, coaching and assisting both minor and major league teams year after year and now has a Cambridge Little League field named for him. Nearly two generations of Cambridge children have benefitted from his inspired coaching.

Ed Samp teaches Spanish to senior citizens every Monday and Wednesday morning at the North Cambridge Senior Center. Four evenings a week, he makes audio recordings for the blind, using his mellifluous voice. Ed Samp's past and present professional and board associations are too numerous to mention.

Ed and Mary Samp's Children

Ed and Mary have five children:

Edward J. Samp, Jr. BA, University of Wisconsin. MBA, Harvard University. Ed Jr. runs his own computer business, JEM Inc., in Cambridge.

John B. Samp. BA, Bowdoin College. John teaches Physics and Astronomy, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Frederick S. Samp. BA, Middlebury College. JD, University of Maine Law School. Eric is Vice President and General Counsel, Bangor Hydroelectric Company.

Richard A. Samp. BA, Harvard College. JD, University of Michigan Law School. Richard is Chief Counsel, Washington Legal Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Margaret Samp Filkins. BA, Emerson College. MA, University of Virginia. Margie teaches English as a second language, drama and film production, Fairfax County, Virginia, public school system.



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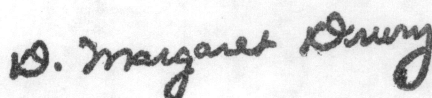
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ORDERED: That the City Council authorize the presentation of a special resolution in honor of a Cambridge City couple celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

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Consent Order #5

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Entire Membership

Councillor Duehay re: Special resolution
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