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Alfred E. Vellucci
Mayor

The Honorable, the Selectmen of Arlington, Lexington and Concord:

This message
passed hand to hand to hand
as we ourselves are tied
to a common past
and a secular yet sacred land

Battle Green, Old North Bridge, Menotomy;
the deep and strongest roots of the tree
under whose wide and graceful
seep
we stand today protected
and assembled as one nation

We take leave of the workplace
and gather in silence
so as to hear
that distant shot, singular and distinctive,
and try to comprehend its sound.

The path of the horse has driven a line in the ground
and those towns touched
carry more than others
the burden of our collective history.

Those who served along the line
who today we remember
left their mark,
and left their mark unforgettable!

As public servants
along this blessed line
we carry that historic burden of courage
and commitment,
of acts that transcend time.

Let us leave our own mark,
as they left their's to us
and bring brilliance to public service
and honor to the public trust.

Drive your footprint
into th line,
comprehend the distant sound,
fulfull you priviledge
and leave your mark;
for surely we serve on sacred ground.

Yours in friendship and fellowship,

Alfred E. Vellucci
Mayor
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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In City Council,

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