

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable life of Libby Bouvier whose work vastly improves our city and life for all within it;

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 14, 2008, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Libby Bouvier.

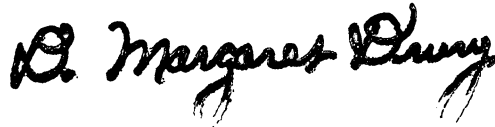
In City Council June 9, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge welcomes to One Proud Family resident and community historian and GLBT movement stalwart Libby Bouvier. Libby, along with other friends and colleagues, founded The History Project in 1980 and is the only remaining active original member of the organization. Libby's got perseverance! Libby also has vision and grit because she has, sometimes almost single-handedly, kept the lights on at The History Project when the going got tough, the money wasn't coming in, and the rest of us didn't think preserving our history was compelling or important. In 1979, Libby and friends had their socks knocked off by Allan Berube's "Lesbian Masquerade," an illustrated talk about women who passed as men in 19th-century San Francisco that Allan presented at Old Cambridge Baptist Church. From that moment of inspiration, The History Project was born and has grown into a nationally respected institution to preserve and present the histories of GLBT people in the environs of Boston. The History Project's first presentation, called "Our Boston Heritage," became part of the City of Boston's celebration of its founding in 1630. "Our Boston Heritage" was debuted in June 1980. This one hour and forty minute slide show and spoken word narrative, which required the participation of seven people, included images and descriptions of GLBT history from the Colonial era to Stonewall. It toured Boston's bars and was an official event of the Boston 350 Celebration. The queerfolk were agog with all they learned about their own community's history and audience members came forward with their own stories and photographs, prompting nine different revisions of the original show and presentation. In 1996, The History Project exhibited a mammoth work at the Boston Public Library, entitled Private Lives/Public Faces, the largest exhibit ever mounted at the BPL. A print version of the exhibit, entitled Improper Bostonians: Lesbian and Gay History from the Puritans to Playland was published by Beacon Press in 1998. The History Project, in its ever-expanding understanding of the importance of chronicling our lives, has since then produced exhibits about GLBT Bostonians who are African-American, Latino/Latina, youth, those affected by AIDS/HIV, and our movement to win the freedom to marry. Libby is not only a keeper of our history, she has also been a witness to and a creator of history. An original leader of the Women's Center on Pleasant Street in Cambridge, Libby has walked in the AIDS Walk every year since 1986 and would never, ever miss attending our annual Pride events and celebrations in Cambridge and in Boston. She and others are working on a documentary film called Left on Pearl which tells the story of the 1971 International Women's Day takeover of a Harvard building at 888 Memorial Drive. Although the sisters were unsuccessful in seizing the building for permanent community use, the Women's Center on Pleasant Street was a direct outcome of that significant and rambunctious political action. Libby is a lifer in the movement and her public contributions to all of us are preserved in the work of The History Project. By day, she toils as an archivist at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and lives in East Cambridge with Andrea Devine, her partner since 1985 and legally wedded spouse since 2004. Libby and Andrea are the proud parents of Lily, a senior at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Lily Bouvier-Devine is an activist in her own right, of course, and attends meetings and events at BAGLY and the Massachusetts Transgender Political Caucus. What goes around, comes around. Lily makes the new history and her mom records and preserves it. We honor and thank Libby Bouvier for 28 years of giving us back our own stories and pictures and for creating a world more safe and more free for all of us.



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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge are proud of all members of our community and have made a strong commitment to civil rights and to building good relationships amongst us; and

WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and

WHEREAS: June 2008 marks the 39th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is spotlighted by the city's exemplary leadership in celebrating the freedom to marry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is further proclaimed by the official inauguration of the city-wide advisory body called the Cambridge GLBT Commission, brought into service on April 21, 2005;

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office will host the Eighteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2008; and

RESOLUTION #27

That the City Council recognize
June 14, 2008 as the official
Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
and Transgender Pride Day with a
special tribute to Libby Bouvier.
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

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