



City of Cambridge

8.

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

April 7, 1980

- WHEREAS: It was with profound sorrow that this City Council learned of the untimely passing of James (Jesse) Cleveland Owens the 1936 Olympic Gold Medal Winner at the age of sixty-six years; and
- WHEREAS: Jesse Owens who earned the distinction of being the Worlds Fastest Human attended Cleveland East Technical High School where his achievements in track earned him a scholarship to Ohio State University where on May 25, 1935 he broke five world records in a forty-five minute period in what was acknowledged as the greatest single day by any track and field performer; and
- WHEREAS: Jesse Owens reached the pinnacle of success in the 1936 Olympics when he won four Gold Medals in the 100 Meter Race, the Long Jump, the 200 Meter Race and as a member of the Victorious American 400 Meter Relay Team; and
- WHEREAS: Jesse Ownes by his Olympic Triumphs dispelled for all time the super race propaganda of the Nazi War Machine in an era of fierce nationalism served to unite America in the struggle against dictatorship; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: By the members of this City Council in meeting assembled on April 7, 1980 that we do express our sorrow at the passing of James (Jesse) Cleveland Owens acknowledging the great triumphs of his athletic career and his contributions to our public life by his promotion of the American Olympic Movement and as an "Ambassador to Sports " for the State Department and a true symbol to the youth of America; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to his family in testimony of our love and respect for a great American.

In City Council April 7, 1980.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Order # 8

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C. Graham resolutions on the death of
James (Jesse) Cleveland Owens.

In City Council,

April 7, 1980

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED -

- MEMBERS -