



City of Cambridge

47.

IN CITY COUNCIL

VICE MAYOR REEVES

September 10, 1990

- WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened upon learning of the August 4, 1990 death of Mrs. Jewel Hairston Bell, a Cambridge resident; and
- WHEREAS: Jewel Hairston Bell was a faithful member of Memorial Church at Harvard University, and although not an ordained minister, Jewel Bell ministered to and had a profound impact on a vast array of people; and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts and Cambridge benefitted greatly from her presence, and in particular the Cambridge Public Schools through her commitment to equity and excellence in education as evidenced by her oversight of the desegregation process in her role as Education Specialist with the State Department of Education, as well as by her lifelong dedication to the issues of multicultural education and the inclusion of women's lives in the school curriculum; and
- WHEREAS: Jewel Hairston Bell was an advocate of parent involvement in education as evidenced by her work with the PTA of the Peabody School, and her membership on the Board of the Montessori School in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: As Director of Tufts University's African American Center, Jewel Bell provided the leadership that resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of African American students achieving honor grades at that University; and
- WHEREAS: Jewel Bell's influence on the advisory boards of the Cambridge Visiting Nurses Association, the YWCA, and public television and radio stations, WGBH, raised the sensitivity of these organizations and began the process of improving their out reach efforts to the African American community; and
- WHEREAS: Jewel Bell commanded the respect of everyone who worked with her professionally; and
- WHEREAS: Jewel Bell was a devoted mother of three sons: Derrick, Jr., Douglas and Carter, and a profoundly devoted wife to Professor Derrick Bell; and

WHEREAS: Jewel Hairston Bell was a brilliant woman and beyond that a friend, mentor and role model to many, and those fortunate enough to be called "friend" had a unique experience--she was supportive yet challenging, inspiring yet sensitive; and

WHEREAS: Although Minister Jewel Bell is gone, we shall cherish our memories of her leadership, her indomitable spirit, her wit, her inspiration--the vast array of riches she brought to our lives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Jewel Hairston Bell at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution to the family of Jewel Hairston Bell on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 10, 1990.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



John E. Flynn
Deputy City Clerk.

CITY COUNCIL ORDER

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SEPTEMBER 6, 1990



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(Dottie and Sandy -- the "suitably engrossed copy" should go to: Professor Derrick Bell and Family, 9 Walden Mews, Cambridge, MA 02140. Thanks --- Jenny)



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of 9 members

John E. Flynn City Clerk
Deputy

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Vice Mayor Reeves resolutions on the
death of Mrs. Jewel Hairston Bell.

In City Council,

Sept. 10, 1990

Order adopted