

RESOLVED: In the spirit of Kwanzaa, in honoring Mary Mercy Parkinson, you honor the ancient, rich and varied common ground of Africanness, a common ground which Mercy epitomizes is love, grace and progressive ideals; now therefore be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mary Mercy Parkinson on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 9, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 9, 2002

COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Kwanzaa celebrates, family community and culture. Kwanzaa is a time of the ingathering of the people to reaffirm the bonds between them. How for Andover Academy perfect to invite and honor Mary "Mercy" Parkinson as part of this years Kwanzaa celebration at Andover Academy; and

WHEREAS: Mary Mercy Parkinson is Cambridge's Ashanti Queen. She has made it her life mission to celebrate family, community and culture; and

WHEREAS: Mercy Parkinson has served as a cultural Ambassador in introducing countless Americans to the Continent of Africa, and particularly to her native homeland, Ghana; and

WHEREAS: Mercy Parkinson has distinguished herself as a notable businesswoman, operating successful businesses in both Cambridge, Massachusetts and Acera, Ghana. Her intelligence and energy are both palpable; and

WHEREAS: Mercy Parkinson has designed her line of African Haute Couture beginning in London and moving later to Massachusetts. She has also established a Company specializing in group tours of Africa. Her African Adventures use as a base her sizable bed and breakfast villa located in a vibrant section of Acura; and

WHEREAS: If you took the seven communitarian African values of Kwanzaa and placed them in a vessel you would pour out Mercy Parkinson. She personifies the faith, unity, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity collective work and responsibility, which are the basis of Kwanzaa; and

WHEREAS: Mercy has played a very special role in our community in introducing the African continent and African cultures to African Americans, particularly those who have a deep desire to reconnect with their African Ancestry; now therefore be it

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RESOLUTION #37

Honoring and congratulating Mary
Mercy Parkinson who was
honored as part of this years
Kwanzaa celebration at Andover
Academy.

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

In City Council December 9, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.