



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

MAY 4, 1987

- WHEREAS: Former World War I Army Sgt. Clifton Merriman of 18 Doty Street has been honored for his "outstanding contribution to his country and community" by the Iota Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at its recent conference at the Best Western Hotel; and
- WHEREAS: Clifton was cited as being one of the U.S. Army's mostly highly decorated black soldiers of World War I. Merriman, now 90, received the Distinguished Service Cross from the U.S. Army and the Medaille Militaire along with the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French government; and,
- WHEREAS: He was credited with capturing a German machine gun nest crew which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon; and
- WHEREAS: Clifton now lives with his daughter, Esther A. Browning, a consultant with the Lynells Corporation and her husband, Dr. Grainger Browning, professor of sociology at Fitchburg State College; and
- WHEREAS: Clifton has 2 grandchildren, Cornelia, who received her master's degree in social work from Atlanta University and Rev. Grainger Browning, pastor of Ebenezer AME Church of Fort Washington, Maryland; and
- WHEREAS: The Isaac W. Taylor Post 2443 and Ladies Auxiliary, VFW, will hold its 55th anniversary banquet honoring charter member and past commander Clifton Merriman on Friday evening, May 8, 1987; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its sincere congratulations to World War I Sgt. Clifton Merriman; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to World War Sgt. Clifton Marriman.

In City Council May 4, 1987.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy:

ATTEST

Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #8 S-303

C. Graham re: resolutions congratulating WWI Sgt.
Clifton Merriman on being honored for his "out-
standing contribution to his country & community"
by the Iota Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity.

In City Council,

May 4, 1987

C. Graham
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