



City of Cambridge

1.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 13, 1982

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

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- WHEREAS: Clifton, whose family members have been in Cambridge for more than one hundred years, enlisted in 1911 with Company L, Sixth Regiment of Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and upon completing his first tour of duty, re-enlisted and was promoted to the rank of Corporal; and
- WHEREAS: Clifton, upon completing his training with French troops in 1918 saw action in the Argonne West, Meuse, Vauquois "Mort Homme" Hill 304 Verdun, the Marne and the Drive of 1918 on the Champagne Front; and
- WHEREAS: Clifton nearly lost his life during the war when he became engaged in a fierce battle against a German machine gun nest and his gas mask was riddled with bullets from machine gun attacks and gas attacks, but after treatment from the gas attacks he returned to the front and participated in the capture of Sechault, Bussy Farm and several towns and villages on the Plains of Monthois; and
- WHEREAS: Clifton, upon receiving his honorable discharge and after some bureaucratic confusion, went to work for the Post Office and worked his way up through the ranks to become Assistant Superintendent in Cambridge, the position from which he retired in 1958 after nearly forty years in government; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its sincere appreciation to Clifton Merriman for his long-standing belief in this country and the democratic principles on which it was founded and for serving his country so well, so many years ago; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. Merriman on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Order # 1

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C. Graham re: resolutions on Clifton Mer-
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G. Merriam