

- WHEREAS: In 1967 Dr. Galbraith published what he considered to be his most important book, "the New Industrial State" which was an international bestseller and along with "The Affluent Society" formed a trilogy completed in 1973 with publication of "Economics and the Public Purpose"; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith received honorary degrees from numerous colleges; and
- WHEREAS: In 1971 John received his colleagues' highest honor, being named president of the American Economics Association; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and its president from 1984-1987; a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and a member of the American Agricultural Economic Association, the Saturday Club and the Century Club of New York and the Federal City Club of Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith was one of the first US disciples of Keynesian economics; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith worked in the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, wrote speeches for Adlai Stevenson, served as ambassador to India during the Kennedy administration, turned down Lyndon B. Johnson's offer of the directorship of the Peace Corps and played notable roles in the presidential campaigns of Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern and was one of the first and most vocal opponents of the US involvement in Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS: In 2000 Dr. Galbraith was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by President Clinton; and
- WHEREAS: John was the devoted father of the late Douglas Galbraith; and
- WHEREAS: John's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his wife Catherine; his sons Alan, Peter and James Kenneth; and his many friends and colleagues; and
- WHEREAS: John will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. John Kenneth Galbraith 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 Gabraith family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 1, 2006.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2006

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of John Kenneth Galbraith on April 29, 2006 at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS: John was born in the Ontario town of Iona Station on October 15, 1908 and was the fourth child of Scottish immigrants William A. and Catherine (Kendall) Galbraith; and

WHEREAS: John attended Ontario Agricultural College and later received a fellowship to do work in agricultural economics which took him to the University of California at Berkley; after receiving his master's and doctoral degrees there, John came east in 1934 to spend the summer in Washington for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and then assume an instructorship in economics at Harvard; and

WHEREAS: On September 17, 1937 John married Catherine Merriam Atwater; and

WHEREAS: During the academic year 1937-1938 John was a Social Science Research Council Fellow at Cambridge University, England; and

WHEREAS: In 1939 John became an assistant professor of economics at Princeton after which he returned to government service as an advisor to the National Defense Advisory Committee and then as deputy administrator of the Office of Price Administration; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith returned to Harvard in 1948 as a lecturer and became a full professor the following year and Paul M. Warburg professor of economics in 1959 and retired from teaching in 1975; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith published over thirty books, some of which are titled: "American Capitalism", "A Theory of Price Control", "The Great Crash", and "The Affluent Society"; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Galbraith was a founder of Americans for Democratic Action in 1947 and later served as the chairman from 1967 to 1968; and

WHEREAS: After 1956 Dr. Galbraith turned his allegiance to the Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: As a reward for his work during the 1960 campaign, Dr. Galbraith was sent to New Delhi as an American Ambassador; and

WHEREAS: After returning from India in 1963 John and his wife began what became a celebrated Cambridge tradition: the annual Harvard commencement party at their Francis Avenue home; and

RESOLUTION #68

Resolution on the death of Dr. John
Kenneth Galbraith.

**Councillor Sullivan, Councillor
Murphy, Mayor Reeves and
entire membership**

**In City Council
May 1, 2006**

ORDER ADOPTED