



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 30, 1996

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Margret Rey, who wrote and illustrated the classic **Curious George** children's books with her husband H.A. (Hans Augusto) Rey, has recently celebrated her 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS: Margret and H.A. Rey were both born in Hamburg, Germany and throughout their life together collected a menagerie of animals they like to write about that included turtles, alligators and a monkey; and

WHEREAS: Margret Rey studied art at the Bauhaus in Dessau, Germany, and the Academy of Art in Dusseldorf; and

WHEREAS: After stops in Brazil and Paris, where the Reys wrote their first children's book, **Cecily G. and the Nine Monkeys**, the Reys came to the United States in 1940 and settled in Greenwich Village; and

WHEREAS: Soon after arriving in the United States 56 years ago, the Reys sold their children's book about Curious George (one of the original "nine monkeys") to the Boston-based publishing house, Houghton Mifflin Company; and

WHEREAS: Today, the seven original books about Curious George have been translated into a dozen languages and have sold more than 2 million copies; and

WHEREAS: The Reys moved to Cambridge in 1963; H.A. died in 1977; and Margret Rey still makes her home in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: WordsWorth Books is celebrating its 20th anniversary by opening a new store in Harvard Square, **Curious George Goes to WordsWorth**, in honor of the Reys; and

WHEREAS: Curious George Goes to WordsWorth is the only all-children's bookstore in Harvard Square and will be celebrating its Grand Opening from October 3-7, 1996; and

WHEREAS: Margret Rey herself will sign books at this new store from 12-1 p.m. on Friday, October 4; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby takes note of this historic occasion by declaring Friday, October 4, **Margret Rey Day** in Cambridge in honor of her distinguished contributions to children's literature.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
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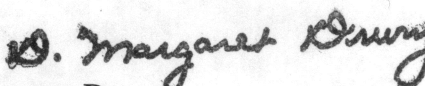
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