



City of Cambridge

R-18.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS **Lori Helene Berenson** has been wrongfully imprisoned under very harsh conditions for over four years and four months in Peruvian prisons; and
- WHEREAS **Lori Berenson** was sentenced to life in prison without parole following a secret military proceeding where neither she nor her attorney were even allowed to be present; and
- WHEREAS Peru's judicial system has been repeatedly condemned by both the Government of the United States and numerous Human Rights organizations for violating international judicial norms and International Treaties to which Peru itself is a voluntary signatory; and
- WHEREAS **Lori Berenson** has maintained her innocence of the charges from the very beginning (charges which were, incidentally, never made clear) and continues to insist on her rights under International Law and common human decency; and
- WHEREAS **Lori Berenson** has a history of being deeply concerned about social injustice and particularly those living in extreme poverty; and
- WHEREAS **Lori Berenson** is a former Cambridge resident having attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT '91) and, when she moved off campus at the beginning of her sophomore year, lived for a time on Valentine Street in Cambridgeport; and
- WHEREAS **Lori Berenson's** long-suffering parents, **Mark and Rhoda Berenson**, will visit the City of Cambridge on Monday, April 10 and will be speaking at the Harvard Law School, Hauser Hall 104, at 4:15 PM (sponsored by the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies among others) and at MIT, Rm. 10-250, at 7 PM sponsored by The MIT Social Justice Cooperative; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Reverend Brown on his 12th year anniversary and thanking him for all his years of community service and commitment to our city's youth; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for Reverend Brown on behalf of the entire City Council.

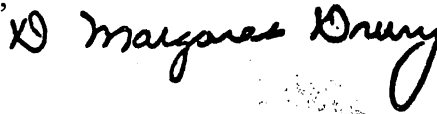
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Welcome to the City of Cambridge
Mark and Rhoda Berenson, parents
of Lori Berenson, who will be
speaking at Harvard Law School
on April 10th.

**Mayor Galluccio, Councillors
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In City Council April 10, 2000

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