



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 27, 1997

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

WHEREAS: On November 8, 1997, the New Bedford Community will honor the exceptional and inspirational life work of Margery "Ruby" Dottin, formerly of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Ruby was born in Cambridge and raised here by her widowed mother Marie Heywood; she attended public schools in Cambridge, along with her brother Jimmy and her sister Esther; and

WHEREAS: Ruby's first husband was Lieutenant Reginald Wilder, who was killed in action in World War II; she later married Duncan A. Dottin, now deceased; and

WHEREAS: Ruby was blessed with two children, the Reverend Steven A. Dottin, and Carolyn M. Wilder, and, in turn, five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Ruby has devoted her personal and professional life to community service, and most particularly to the needs of children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS: Ruby, who has a master's degree in education from Harvard University, has been a member of the New Bedford School Committee for over 21 years; she was the director of Upward Bound, a college prep program at UMass at Dartmouth for 16 years; and prior to that she was the director of the first New Bedford alternative high school program for potential dropouts; and

WHEREAS: Among her many community activities, Ruby is an active member of her church, the International Church of the Nazarene; she is a member of the NAACP, Martha Briggs, the Smith Mills Camping Association and the New Bedford Historical Society; and

WHEREAS: Ruby has received many awards for her community service, including an award from the Afro-American History Museum, the Governor's Citation for Educational-Community Endeavors, a Congressional Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community, state and nation, and many, many more; and

WHEREAS: In her spare time, Ruby pursues a ministry of visiting nursing homes; and

WHEREAS: Ruby Dottin is truly a blessing to her community and an inspiration to us all; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council express its congratulations to **Margery "Ruby" Dottin** on the occasion of the celebration by the New Bedford Community of her invaluable life work; and be it further

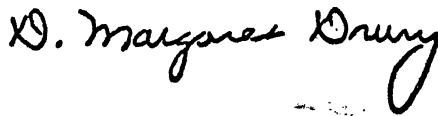
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to **Margery "Ruby" Dottin** on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 27, 1997.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Order -

10/27/97

Honoring life work of Thurgood

"Ruby" Dutton, formerly of

Cambridge who will be honored
by the New Bedford Community
on November 8th -

(Please see the accom-
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to write the order. Also, give

final version in hardback cover
to Mr. William Gomes in the Personnel
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Respectfully SLE

Profile of
MARGERY "RUBY" DOTTIN
Mother of Carolyn M. Wilder & Reverend Steven A. Dottin

**HIGHEST LEVEL
OF EDUCATION:**

Master's Degree, Education
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE:**

- Director of University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Upward Bound (a College Preparatory Program) - 16 years
- Director — 1st Alternative High School Program (for potential drop outs) - 2 years
- Deputy Director — Onboard (in charge of Educational Programs) - 4 years
- Job Developer — New Bedford School Department - 1 year

**ORGANIZATIONS:
BOARD MEMBER,
Current & Past**

- International Church of the Nazarene (current)
- 1st Church of the Nazarene Church School (current)
- New Bedford School Committee (current)
- Audit Committee - School Board (current)
- Julio J. Alves Sr. Scholarship Committee (current)
- NAACP - (Board past) Member (current)
- Martha Briggs - Member (current)
- Smith Mills Camping Association (current)
- New Bedford Historical Society (current)
- Post Audit — School Committee (past)
- YWCA, CHM Public Affairs, Red Cross, League of Women Voters (past)
- YWCA Assistant Treasurer (past)
- Citizens Advisory Board of the Governor's Conference for Libraries and Information (past)

AWARDS:

- Afro-American History Museum
In tribute to 350 years of Black Presence in Massachusetts and your contributions to the City of Boston.
- YWCA - Economic and Social Justice Award
for Commitment to the Youth of Greater New Bedford
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Excellence in Job Performance
at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- Black Coalition - UMASS Dartmouth - Service to the Community, Commitment to Youth
- Carney Academy - For dedicating so much of her life to the young people of this area.
- Governor's Citation - For Educational-Community Endeavors
- West End Day Nursery, Service to Youth of New Bedford
- NAACP - For Educational and Community Service

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AWARDS:
(continued)

- Cape Verdean Veterans Meritorious Service, whose efforts in behalf of American Cape Verdean heritage has earned her the gratitude of all Americans.
- Martha Briggs - For Commitment to Education.
- UMASS Dartmouth, Upward Bound - For Dedicated and Outstanding Service to the students of UMASS Dartmouth Upward Bound.
- Alfred Gomes School - For her work with educationally disadvantaged students.
- New Bedford City Council Citation - The first Upward Bound Director to work with JTEC in the Acquisition of jobs for young people, and counselling young adults toward collegiate education, and for devoting her life to young people.
- City of New Bedford Mayor's Office - For her contribution to Black History on behalf of the Greater New Bedford Community.
- Barney Frank, Congressional Award - For Outstanding Contributions to Community, State and Nation.

INTERESTS:

People, Reading, Walking

Margery "Ruby" Dattin

- Born and raised and attended public schools in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- As a child, I lived with my mother, Marie Heywood, my brother, Jimmy, and my sister, Esther. My father was deceased.
- my first husband was Lt. Reginald Wilder who was killed in action in World War II.
- I later married Duncan A. Dattin, now deceased. Duncan A. Dattin Place, a housing development located in the north end of New Bedford is named in his honor.
- I have two children, Rev. Steven A. Dattin, and Carolyn M. Wilder. Steven is a pastor of a Nazarene Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Carolyn is a school adjustment counselor at Carney Academy in New Bedford, Massachusetts.
- I am grandmother to five children, one is my biological granddaughter, Rebekah Dattin.
- I am a member of the International Church of the Nazarene, and have served there as a steward, treasurer, choir director and youth worker.
- I have been working with young people from pre-school to high school ages for over thirty years. I was Deputy Director of Education for Onboard, the anti-poverty program for four years.

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- Later, I directed Project Space, the first Alternative New Bedford High School program for potential drop-outs.

- I worked at U Mass Dartmouth, formerly SMU for sixteen years ~~was~~ director of Upward Bound, a college prep program.

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Consent Order #24

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Councillor Reeves re: Resolution
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ORDER ADOPTED