

WHEREAS: Oliver was also appointed by the City Manager as the Chairperson (Cambridge), Industrial Development Finance Authority; member, Cambridge Health Policy Board (where he served as vice Chairman and Chairman); and member, Cambridge Biohazards Committee; and

WHEREAS: Among the many awards that he received for his various contributions to the community are:

- The Reverend E. K. Nichols Award for his outstanding commitment and service to the Center and its Community.
- Harriet Wigfall Community Service Award.
- Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS: Oliver retired from paid employment, but he never retired from community and civic affairs; even so, he found the time to achieve his goal of receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Massachusetts, Boston at the age of seventy-four; and

WHEREAS: Oliver passed away on March 22, 1999; and

WHEREAS: Oliver was gifted with a wonderful mind and a wonderful loving kindness; he used his gifts to the extraordinary benefit of his community, and his memory will endure in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Callender and Howard Streets as

OLIVER FARNUM SQUARE

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Farnum family at the dedication ceremony on May 18, 2002 on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council January 14, 2002.

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

January 14, 2002

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

WHEREAS: This day the City Council honors a much-loved and much-missed Cantabrigian, Oliver E. Farnum; and

WHEREAS: Oliver was born on September 10, 1916 on the island of Barbados, one of seven children born to Clairmonte and Evelyn (Alleyne) Farnum; and

WHEREAS: In 1951 Oliver married Elaine Griffith; their marriage was blessed by four children, Judy Boyer, Jeanette Farnum-Russell, Stephen Farnum and Sheri Farnum; as the children grew up and started families of their own, Oliver and Elaine become the proud grandparents of Jaimes, Stephen, Jenai, Sheldon and Aliyah; and

WHEREAS: During most of his lifetime, Oliver was a professional carpenter; later he was employed by Polaroid for eighteen years as a Technical Lab Specialist in the Chemical Engineering Division; after he retired from Polaroid he worked for eight years in the Executive Office of Elder Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Oliver was a gift and a blessing to Cambridge civic and community affairs; his dedicated service to many worthy Cambridge organizations was generous and steadfast; and

WHEREAS: Highlights of his participation include the following; founding member, past President and past Treasurer of Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC); former member of the Cambridge Council on Aging; past President of the Cambridge Community Center, former member of Somerville Cambridge Economic Opportunity Commission (CEOC); past Director of Cambridge Community Services; past Treasurer Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund; former member of the Advisory Committee of Homeowners Rehab Inc.; former member of the Riverside Planning Team; and a former member of the Harvard Square Development Task Force; and

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ORDER #9

Dedicate a suitable location in honor
of the late Oliver Farnham.

Councillor Reeves

In City Council January 14, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.