



JOHN W. LYONS  
MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 17, 1939

To the Honorable, the City Council:

It seems fitting that we should take official action upon the death of Dr. Edmund H. Stevens, who died at his home in this city on Tuesday, March 14, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years.

Few men have served their country so long and faithfully in time of war and peace. At an early age he enlisted in the Civil War and served with distinction. Later he devoted himself to the practice of medicine in this city for more than sixty years. He was typical of the old family doctor, ministering to many families in his long career through many generations. He was probably the oldest practicing physician in New England. The prominence of such a man in the medical profession and his wonderful service among our citizens is, I believe, deserving of recognition.

I therefore recommend that suitable action be taken by your honorable board as a mark of respect to his memory, in which action, I shall, of course, join.

Yours respectfully,

*John W. Lyons*  
Mayor

COMMUNICATION  
from the Mayor, transmitting <sup>2</sup>  
~~one from~~ notice of the death  
of Dr. Edmund H. Stevens  
and recommending that suitable action  
be taken by City Council as a tribute  
of respect to his memory  
Roche

MAR 21 1939

In City Council-----

Referred to Special Committee  
Councillors Roche, Gilron, Tierney,  
Toomey and Pidd

Frederick H. Burke

-----City Clerk

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Roche  
Gilron  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Pidd



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 18, 1939.

## WHEREAS:-

His Honor the Mayor has notified this City Council of the death of Dr. Edmund H. Stevens on March 14, 1939 in his 94th year it is fitting and proper that recognition should be taken of this sad event.

Dr. Stevens was born in Skowhegan, Maine in the year 1845 the son of Dr. Horace Stevens, moving to Cambridge with his family in 1857 where he lived for nearly eighty-five years.

While a student at Harvard Medical School in the early sixties he enlisted in the U. S. Navy served as acting assistant surgeon until 1865 when he returned to complete his studies. After graduating from Harvard Dr. Stevens re-enlisted and served in Virginia until the close of the war. He was a member of the G. A. R. Post in Skowhegan, Maine.

Dr. Stevens was a practicing physician in Cambridge for over sixty years - a length of service few men have ever attained. He served on the staff of the Cambridge Hospital for over twenty five years and in 1911 upon his retirement the Board of Trustees presented suitable resolutions for his long service in the field of surgery and medicine.

He found time during his busy life to become civic minded and served with distinction as a member of the School Board from 1876 to 1884 and later served as a member of the Water Board from 1879 to 1907 it is therefore

## RESOLVED:--

That the City Council hereby records the loss the city has sustained by his death and would spread upon its records this tribute to his memory.

In City Council APR 18 1939

*Adopted unanimously by  
a rising vote.*

*Frederick H. Burke*

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City Clerk

Executive Department APR 21 1939

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

*John W. Lyons*

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M. H. H. H.

City of Cambridge.

APR 21 1939

Presented to the Mayor

for approval

*Frederick H. Burke*

City Clerk.

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City of Cambridge, Boston, Massachusetts  
and the Mayor, George H. May, Jr.  
• Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

# City of Cambridge

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*In City Council* April 18, 1939.

*The*

Special Committee on Resolutions  
Death of Dr. Edmund H. Stevens

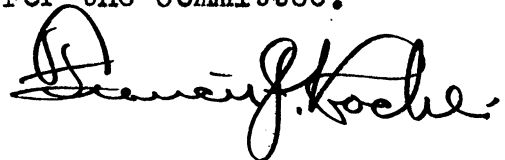
*to which*

*Reports,*

Recommending the adoption

of the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee.

Henry J. Roche.

# REPORT

Special  
Committee on Resolutions  
on death of Mr. Edmund H. Stevens

April 18, 1939.