



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item #2

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~October 5, 1998~~

October 19, 1998

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

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that a local business family with longtime Cambridge roots is contributing enormously to the children of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The first generation of the Lingos family, George and Stamita Lingos emigrated to the United States in the early 1900's, opened the Homestead Baking Company in 1933, and then with the help of their sons, the Homestead Donut House in 1950; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1963 the Best Western Homestead Inn has occupied the site of the former donut shop (which grew into a 700-seat restaurant), and on behalf of three generations of the Lingos family, co-owner Debbie Lingos and her family have shared their success with the community through generous contributions to the M.E. Fitzgerald School; and
- WHEREAS: Their partnership with the Fitzgerald School started in the spring of 1997 when Debbie Lingos approached the Mayor's Office to find out what she could do for public education in Cambridge; and thereafter decided to "adopt" the M.E. Fitzgerald; and
- WHEREAS: Last fall after the tragic murder of ten year old Jeffrey Curley, the family sponsored professional grief support for students and staff; and
- WHEREAS: The program continued to expand to include teacher and staff training, parent education and work with students experiencing a variety of losses in their lives; and
- WHEREAS: The success of these efforts brought Debbie Lingos closer to the Fitzgerald School; she joined the school council and participated in many programs, and this fruitful relationship continues to benefit the children who attend the Fitzgerald school; and

WHEREAS: The generosity of the Lingos family has made an invaluable contribution to the lives of these Cambridge children; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Debbie Lingos and the Lingos family; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Debbie Lingos on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 19, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


D. Margaret Drury
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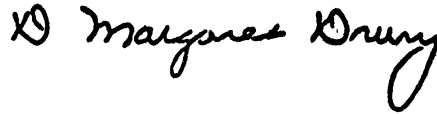
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Debbie Lingos on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Debbie Lingos and the Lingos family; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Debbie Lingos on behalf of the entire City Council.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR RUSSELL.



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WHEREAS: Their partnership with the Fitzgerald School started ^{in the spring of 1997 when Debbie} ~~last fall~~ after the tragic murder of ten year old Jeffrey Curley, ~~when~~ the family sponsored professional grief support for students and staff; and

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WHEREAS: The success of these efforts brought Debbie Lingos closer to the Fitzgerald School; she joined the school council and participated in many programs, and this fruitful relationship ~~culminated with the "adoption" of the M.E. Fitzgerald by the Lingos family, and~~ ^{continues to benefit the children who attend the Fitzgerald School; and}

WHEREAS: The generosity of the Lingos family has made an invaluable contribution to the lives of these Cambridge children; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Debbie Lingos and the Lingos family; and be it further

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Whereas: It has come to the attention of this City Council that a local business family with longtime Cambridge roots ~~has~~ is contributing enormously to the children of Cambridge; and

Whereas: The first generation of ~~George and Stanita Lingo~~ ~~the Lingo family; who he emigrated from the first generation of~~ ~~emigrated~~ to the United States in the early 1900's and opened the Homestead Baking Company in 1933 and then ^{with the help of their sons,} the Homestead Donut House in ~~the~~ 1950; and

Whereas: Now, on behalf of three generations of Lingo, owner of the Best Western Homestead Inn, which ~~has~~ since 1963 occupied the ^{site of the} former donut shop (which is, itself, grew to a 700-seat restaurant); Debbie Lingo, ~~general manager~~ ~~president of~~ ~~owner~~ of the Best Western Homestead and her family, through the Lingo Family Foundation

Whereas: Since 1963 the Best Western Homestead Inn has occupied the site of the former donut shop ~~and~~ (which ~~grew~~ grew into a 700-seat restaurant), and ~~for~~ on behalf of three generations of the Lingo Family, Debbie co-owner Debbie Lingo and her family have ~~contributed~~ shared their success with the community ~~and~~ in through generous contributions to the ^{M.E.} Fitzgerald School; and

whereas: Their partnership with the Fitzgerald School started last ~~Friday~~ fall after the tragic murder of 10 year old Jeffrey Curly, when the family sponsored professional grief support for students and staff; and

whereas: The program ^{then} ~~has since~~ expanded to include teacher and staff training, ^{parent education} and work with ~~parents~~ students experiencing a variety of losses in their ~~own~~ lives; and

whereas: The success of these efforts brought ^{Debbie} ~~the~~ Lingo closer to the Fitzgerald School; she joined the school council and participated in many programs, and this fruitful relationship culminated with the "Adoption" of the M.E. Fitzgerald by the Lingo family; and

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Resolved: That the C-C go on record expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Debbie Lingo and the Lingo family; and be it further

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Fitzgerald School, local business team up in 'adoption'

Lingos family sponsors programs to help kids deal with loss

Close to 500 children were "adopted" last week in North Cambridge.

The children are students at the M.E. Fitzgerald Elementary School on Rindge Avenue. The "new parents" are the members of the Lingos family, owners of the Best Western Homestead Inn at Fresh Pond Circle.

The "adoption" has cemented a school-business partnership that began last fall after the tragic murder of 10-year-old Jeffrey Curley. The family sponsored professional grief support for students and staff.

The program has since expanded and continues tonight, Feb. 26, with a presentation on how parents can help their children through the grieving process when they experience the loss of a loved one.

The presentation, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fitz cafeteria, is part of a project that involves teacher and staff training, a six-week program working with students currently experiencing losses, and parent education on this subject.

It will be conducted by Danielle Cossette, a licensed social worker. Parents of children in North Cambridge schools are invited, including Fitzgerald, Banneker, Haggerty, Peabody and Tobin schools.

"It became evident that the Curley incident and its impact on children was a revelation that young people are affected by a variety of losses in their lives, losses that reflect on their studies and ability to react in a school environment," said Fitzgerald Principal Bob Ferrari.

Ferrari said the Lingos family "stepped in at a time when their help was needed." Debbie Lingos explained that her family approached then-Mayor Sheila Russell and asked how they could help. Russell directed them to the Fitz.

"Our family members are long-time residents of North Cambridge, a community that has been very kind to the Lingos family since my grandfolks moved here from Greece

psychologist.

The success of these efforts brought Lingos closer to the school. She joined the school council and participated in programs that went beyond the initial efforts and led to last week's full adoption of the Fitzgerald School.

"The Lingos family has joined us and is playing a substantial role in school activities," said Ferrari.

A \$5,000 grant was recently made available to fund the ATLAS program, a national effort based on the concept that students can and will achieve high educational standards when they are made to feel important, are expected to do well, engaged in challenging and meaningful work, and supported by a unified community of teachers, parents and other concerned adults.

Cambridge School Education Partnership director Mary Eirich noted that the Lingos' involvement with the Fitz is an example of the "shared purpose" that best exhibits how neighborhood businesses can play a major role in the success of public education.

Plans are to work with the Best Western Inn to acquaint students, in a practical way, with what the hotel industry expects of employees in an effort to better help pupils to prepare for the job market.

"We are extremely grateful to the Lingos family and their support of our children and teachers," said Ferrari. "We are fortunate to have them invite us to join their family and embrace them into our school community."

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in the early 1900s," Lingos said. "It is our wish to return the gratitude of the neighborhood in a way that would have a lasting impact."

After the initial collaboration, Ferrari said the program was expanded to redefine the notion of loss.

"Some children who were acting out in school, doing poorly in their studies and disrupting classes were found to be reacting to losses such as the death of a parent or sibling, a relative, or even the loss of a pet," Ferrari said.

As a result, the Lingos-sponsored programs were extended to help these pupils, with sessions such as grief groups led by Cossette, a noted

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council congratulates the parents, guardians and families of these girls for their commitment to making their schools and communities stronger and healthier places for other girls and all children and families to thrive; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to each of the newly ordained members of the Young Women's Commission.



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Consent Order #31

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10/19/98

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