

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2024

RESOLUTION

Memorial resolution honoring the life and legacy of George E. Mansfield

WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield served the people of the City of Newton for more than a quarter century as a member of its City Council, then known as the "Board of Aldermen," having been first elected in November, 1983 and serving thirteen consecutive terms from 1984 through 2009;

AND WHEREAS, throughout his time as a member of the Board of Aldermen, George E. Mansfield represented Newton's Ward 6, which includes Newton Highlands and Newton Centre, as its "Ward Alderman," fielding and responding to thousands of constituent phone calls and emails from Ward 6 and throughout Newton;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield held numerous leadership positions during his time on the Board of Aldermen, including serving as its Vice President for eight years from 1996 through 2003 and chairing almost every major committee of the Board of Aldermen, serving at various times as its Finance Committee Chair, Public Facilities Committee Chair and, most recently, Land Use Committee Chair;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield worked tirelessly to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life for all Newton residents, including through his work to improve municipal infrastructure and to support the City's fiscal and environmental sustainability;

AND WHEREAS, among George E. Mansfield's environmental sustainability accomplishments was his work on requiring environmental sustainability in Newton development projects, such as the use of permeable surfaces for driveways and walkways;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield's responsiveness and attention to the concerns of Newton residents earned him a reputation for providing excellent constituent services;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield earned a reputation as a consummate gentleman whose polite and thoughtful input was often insightful and was always welcome;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield brought his professional expertise as a City Planner to his work as an Alderman, providing insight and understanding that would not otherwise have been available;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield's service to the City of Newton began before his election to the Board of Aldermen and continued after it, his record of service to his community including years of service as a member of the Newton Highlands Area Council before he was first elected to the Board of Alderman and as Vice President of the Newton Conservators after the conclusion of his time in office;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield passed away on December 5, 2023, leaving behind his beloved wife Margaret, known to all as "Meg," and his beloved daughter Julia, who carries on his legacy of community service with her work in the very same Newton Free Library main branch on Homer Street that her father played a role in approving and planning during his time on the Board of Aldermen,

AND WHEREAS, the members of the City Council see it proper and fit to thank George E. Mansfield for his many years of service to the City of Newton and to honor him for his many valuable contributions to his beloved City of Newton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council joins with the Mayor in declaring June 9, 2024 to be GEORGE MANSFIELD DAY in the City of Newton and invites all Newton residents to celebrate George Mansfield's years of service and his many contributions to our community.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
23 yeas 0 nays 1 absent (Councilor Kelley)


(SGD) CAROL MOORE
Acting City Clerk