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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF AMILCAR CABRAL

- WHEREAS,** Born on September 12, 1924, Amilcar Cabral was an agronomist, nationalist leader, and founder and secretary-general of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde; PAIGC); *and*
- WHEREAS,** After receiving his early education in Cape Verde, Cabral pursued university studies in Lisbon, where he helped to found the Centro de Estudos Africanos, an association of Lusophone African students with whom he developed political theories regarding colonialism and liberation; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In September 1956, he and five associates—including his brother Luís and Aristides Pereira—formed the PAIGC, and in December of that year he co-founded a liberation movement in Angola with future Angolan president Agostinho Neto; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Emerging as an early leader of the PAIGC, Cabral organized early political resistance to colonial power in the form of workers’ strikes—calling for better wages and improved conditions, eventually leading his party into an open war for the independence of Portuguese Guinea and establishing the Guinean People’s National Assembly in 1972; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Cabral’s efforts in the guerrilla war against the Portuguese military were matched by his contributions to the literature of national liberation, as one of Cabral’s main contributions was his study of colonized identity and leadership in the context of national liberation and class consciousness; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In January 1973 Cabral was shot outside his home in Conakry in neighboring independent Guinea, where his party had established its headquarters, killed by Inocêncio Kani, a disgruntled PAIGC guerrilla war veteran who was believed to have been working with Portuguese agents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On the subject of the Revolution in Guinea, Cabral wrote “Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone’s head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children”;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council honors, uplifts, celebrates, and commemorates the incredible sacrifices and accomplishments achieved by Amilcar Cabral in the pursuit of an independent and culturally vibrant Cabo Verde.

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