

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF JOHN BOOKSTON AS A LIFELONG CIVIC ACTIVIST IN THE FENWAY

- WHEREAS,** John Bookston was dedicated to caring for every community he was a part of from local schools to Boston's parks and neighborhood residents in the Fenway; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John served on the board of the Fenway Civic Association between 2016 and 2023 serving as a powerful voice for affordable housing and childcare in the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John's background as a lawyer demonstrated his commitment to social justice and uplifting the voices of the vulnerable through his years of work with the Environmental Protection Agency; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As a math teacher John taught his students with compassion and an innovative of approach to mathematics as problem solving, which served to uplift students' confidence and abilities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John participated in his community with an intense and earnest optimism that he demonstrated in countless volunteer efforts across a variety of initiatives, which at the very least brought a smile to those he helped and at the most created meaningful and significant positive change in his community; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John's passing on October 8, 2023 was a loss felt by so many in the community and prompted those of us who knew him to carry on his legacy of love for his community and commitment to social justice; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council honors John Bookston for his years of service and dedication to his community and that the Council work to dedicate a space in the Fenway neighborhood to recognize his legacy.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____