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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
DEDICATING NEW EDGERLY ROAD IN HONOR OF
JOHN BOOKSTON

- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council recently passed a “Resolution supporting the Boston Transportation Department’s efforts to transform New Edgerly Road into a pedestrian plaza”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City’s Public Improvement Commission *Policy for Name Changes and Square Dedication for public Way and Private Way in the City of Boston* states, a square dedication “can be used to honor any person, living or deceased, who has had a great impact on the surrounding community”; *and*
- WHEREAS,** John Bookston was an active member of the Fenway neighborhood, dedicated to caring for every community he was a part of, including being a strong advocate for our schools, affordable housing, and food justice; *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; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is important that our public spaces uplift people like John Bookston whose legacy reminds and motivates us to advocate for improvements in our community and remain steadfast in our compassion for those in need; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors John Bookston's legacy for his years of service and dedication to his community by supporting the dedication of New Edgerly Road in honor of John Bookston.