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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

November 21, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: The entire Cambridge Public Schools family was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Michael R. Brennan on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan was a long-time West Cambridge Little Baseball League parent and coach, who loved the game of baseball and getting involved to help players become the best they can be; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan was deeply committed to many things in life, but his family and friends were his highest priority, particularly his wife Elizabeth and his son Patrick, a Cambridge Public Schools student; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan while traveled extensively and had made Cambridge his new home, he stayed closely connected to his Philadelphia area roots and the people there who shaped him. Intensely loyal, Mike managed to maintain his relationships across the miles because he always made time to go home to be with his friends and family; and

WHEREAS: Michael R. Brennan was born in 1967 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Robert F. Brennan and Elizabeth M. (Balkonis), and was the beloved husband of Elizabeth R. Brennan (Maloney) of Cambridge, the loving and proud father of Patrick M. Brennan of Cambridge, the dear brother of Elizabeth Mills and her husband Richard of FL, Nancy DiMeo and her husband Ralph of NJ, and the late Robert M. Brennan, and the loving brother-in-law of Linda Brennan, and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends; and

WHEREAS: A proud season ticket holder, Michael Brennan spent many of his fall weekends in Philly, cheering on his beloved Eagles after tailgating with his friends; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan's Cambridge roots were set down in Paddy's, where he became affectionately known as "Philly Mike." There, he found true friendship and it was also there that he met his loving wife of 20 years; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan's ultimate joy in life was his son Patrick. They shared a love of sports which led to their participation in the West Cambridge Little Baseball League, Michael Brennan enjoyed coaching the kids in Cambridge for many years and he held the other coaches in the highest esteem and was so proud to be a member of their community; and

WHEREAS: The Michael Brennan Scholarship Fund has been established to assist West Cambridge Little Baseball League players in need to ensure that baseball remains an option for them to enjoy; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan will be missed by his peers and colleagues at Bright Horizons Family Solutions where he worked for 20 years. He was dedicated to his profession and truly loved going to work every day. His work ethic was admirable and he was committed to the growth of Bright Horizons; and

WHEREAS: Michael Brennan will sorely be missed by all whose lives he touched; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Brennan at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Brennan family on behalf of the entire School Committee.

A true copy:



Attest:

Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Motion #23-280

cc:

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