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Honorable Councillors and Mayor Maher,

The resolutions kindly remembering the life and condoling the death of Dr. Jalal Alamgir, Associate Professor of Political Science University of Massachusetts, Boston and resident of Cambridge by you December 12, 2011 touched our hearts. Immigrating from a developing country, Bangladesh, Jalal got his education in America through academic pursuit and through living the free manner in Cambridge. A military government in Bangladesh persecuted him between 2007 and 2009. That experience in contrast with his life in Cambridge gave him a renewed appreciation for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

He loved to teach and he loved living in Cambridge. So much so that after he moved into Cambridge, he convinced his sibling, cousins and even his aunt and uncle to move to Cambridge. We remember how happy he was when the Cambridge Public Library was renovated and subsequently he spent many a weekend day at the library perusing the collection, looking out the transparent windows and jotting off for a quick sandwich at a local joint.

Your resolutions have confirmed our belief, despite our tears and deprivation of the dearest, that Jalal's life, has not gone in vain. In his short time amongst us he touched the lives of many – his students, his friends, and his family. We thank you for officially recognizing his impact in Cambridge and the community he lived in. We are but citizens of one world and he firmly believed that one belongs to the people around him and that in the end, community, family and friends are all that matter.

Sincerely,



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