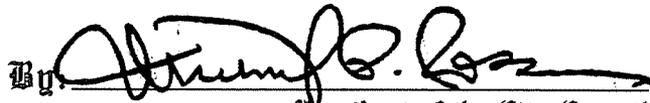


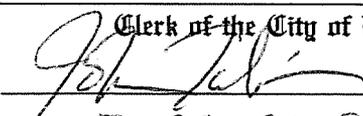
City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF COUNCILLOR JOHN TOBIN

- WHEREAS:** Franklin W. Simon was born in Boston and grew up in Dorchester, graduating from Roxbury Memorial High School in 1941. Franklin W. Simon joined the United States Army in 1942 and was assigned to the 26th Infantry Division; and
- WHEREAS:** Because of the skills he exhibited in his military training he volunteered for and was assigned to the Army Rangers and trained in England and Scotland for the Normandy invasion; and
- WHEREAS:** On D-Day, June 6, 1944, Franklin W. Simon participated in the ascension of Point du Hoc with his fellow Rangers of the 2nd Ranger Battalion and secured a vital position that was crucial to the success of the D-Day invasion; and
- WHEREAS:** As a result of his exploits both on and after D-Day earning five battle stars, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm, a Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Stars with valor medals and three Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Clusters as well as the Chevalier de Legion d' Honneur, the French Government's highest honor; and
- WHEREAS:** Upon returning from the war he enrolled at the University of Rhode Island and was awarded a degree in engineering and then the Harvard Business School and received an MBA. Franklin W. Simon entered the Real Estate industry and most notably developed more than 7,000 units of moderate and low income housing as well as establishing a successful real estate company employing approximately 100 people engaged in residential and commercial properties; and
- WHEREAS:** He was responsible for development of the first affordable housing in the Boston area sponsored by B'nai B'rith for senior citizens and the handicapped; and
- WHEREAS:** He has been honored to receive the 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award by the B'nai B'rith New England Unit to be bestowed on June 3, 2009;
THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council honors Mr. Simon for his exemplary life and by designating June 3, 2009 as Franklin W. Simon Day.

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: 5-29-2009