RESOLUTION

In the death of Mr. George Eastman mankind has lost a great benefactor.

The world mourns his loss. More especially are his fellow citizens of Rochester, his home city, bereaved, for it was the people of Rochester who were in the largest measure the beneficiaries of his counsel, advice, leadership and of his great generosity.

He was an ardent admirer and earnest supporter of Rochester Exposition. He was a champion of its cause and gave liberally of his time and means to further its success.

He was ever mindful of the welfare of Rochester and was happiest when he could serve the city and the people whom he loved. The coming generations will be happier, healthier and more cultural because he has lived.

RESOLVED: That we extend to his loving and devoted niece our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of great loss and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to her and the resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Association.

Hon. Charles S. Owen, Mayor of Rochester  
Frederick S. Miller  
Joseph P. Walker  
Carl S. Hallauer  
William B. Boothby  

Carl L. Begbold  
Roy C. Kates  
Herbert B. Cash  
Frank J. Smith
Mrs. George B. Dryden
Evanston, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Dryden:

At an Executive Committee meeting held immediately following the death of our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. George Eastman, your distinguished uncle, the enclosed resolution was adopted, and I am sending you a copy of the same herewith in accordance with the directions of our Executive Committee.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

[Signature]

General Manager.
At a specially called meeting by Herbert S. Jenner leader of the Sixth Ward Republican Committee, on March 22nd, it was resolved that the following Committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of a resident of the ward, Mr. George Eastman. The chair appointed as Committee Paul Polger, Rev. Mr. W. McCoy and Stillman I. Volts. The Committee reported as follows:

Whereas on March 14th, 1938 the unexpected death of our esteemed neighbor and resident of our ward, Mr. George Eastman occurred at his home on East Avenue, we unite with the City, State, Nation and World in mourning the loss of one whose lifelong philanthropies touched and was felt by millions of people and gave employment and comfort to multitudes. His vision and tireless energy and constructive genius had made itself felt in every walk of life and placed him alongside of other great world figures. The industry founded by him will ever remain a lasting monument to his memory and his conception and dream of a greater Rochester will be an inspiration from generation to generation.

Therefore be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Sixth Ward Republican Committee and a copy be sent to the family.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, our esteemed friend and humanitarian benefactor has ceased to be a part of our community life except for the industrial monument he has left in our beloved City, and

WHEREAS, he has, for many years, been an outstanding benefactor to humanity and has by his courage and achievements attained a position of prominence and respect enjoyed by only the inspired, therefore

Be it resolved, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, that in the death of Mr. George Eastman our City has sustained the loss of a public benefactor and friend whose friendship it was a privilege and an honor to enjoy and that, by this method, we desire to put of record the high esteem in which he was held in this City.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. W. G. Stuber, President of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, Mr. P. S. Wilcox, Vice-President of the Tennessee Eastman Corporation, Kingsport, Tennessee, The Kingsport Times for publication and a copy spread of record in the minutes of this meeting.

Shelburne Ferguson
Mayor

ATTEST

M. Black
Recorder
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ROCHESTER, N. Y.
324 STATE STREET

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Hon. Comm. Emanuale Grazi
Consul General of Italy at N. Y.

Miscellaneous correspondence about death
(Charles S. Owen....March 23, 1932)

We are met tonight, in sorrow and humility, to pay our tribute to that one man who, more than any other, helped to make Rochester enviable among the cities, as a "better place to live." We meet to honor the memory and to laud the achievements of one who, when the history of our time is written, will be ranked as one of the great benefactors of mankind. We find, in his accomplishments, an emphatic contradiction of those memorable words of Shakespeare:

"The evil that men do lives after them;---
"The good is often interred with their bones."

Through all the years to come, the good that has been done by George Eastman will not be interred...but will continue to exert a powerful influence upon all the activities of this community.

It is unnecessary to remind you that, wherever you go upon the face of the globe, you will find no city of its size more widely and more favorably known than is Rochester. And, for that fact, George Eastman is responsible. To every country...in every hemisphere...in every latitude, go the products of his industry; and with them they carry the fame of Rochester.

To us, George Eastman exemplifies the American saga of success. The ambitious boy...born in poverty...thankful for equality of opportunity, who, by dint of perseverance, unflagging toil, deep-rooted faith and continuing courage in the face of repeated discouragements, wins through to material success!

And yet, had not his success been more than material, he would scarcely merit the homage that today is universal in the hearts of his fellow-citizens. No! George Eastman belongs to a greater
aristocracy than that of mere mundane wealth, selfishly acquired and jealously hoarded.

In the social annals of this country, he stands as a pioneer... one of the first to recognize that great wealth imposes upon its possessor something more than the privilege of living in idle and irresponsible ease. To us all, he proved his belief that the possessor of great wealth must acknowledge his personal responsibility for the relief of human suffering, for sharing with his less fortunate fellows the opportunities for physical and cultural enjoyment which that wealth makes possible.

Thus, Rochester has become, in one sense, a sociological laboratory for the demonstration of the soundness of his pioneering principles. You cannot spend a day in this city... nor will you be able to do so during your life-time or mine... without being reminded at every turn of the practical altruism of this outstanding citizen. First of all, let us not forget that his enterprise has furnished steady, gainful employment for several decades to the largest single group of wage-earners in this community, numbering many thousands of our fellow-citizens. His concrete interest in such civic activities as the Rochester Dental Dispensary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Chest, is too well known to require any elaboration. Then, consider the University of Rochester, with its finely equipped Colleges of Arts and Sciences... its great Schools of Medicine and of Music... and this very building in which we stand...; how many of these material assets for the betterment of community life would we now enjoy, had it not been for the genius of George Eastman?

We all know his modesty... the anonymity behind which he cloaked many of his munificent investments in social and educational welfare. But we know all too little of the hundreds of other worthy undertakings
which, at one time or another, received in concrete measure his encouragement and his support.

This outstanding citizen of our community made himself a pioneer in a new aristocracy; not an aristocracy of wealth, but an aristocracy of practical and understanding human sympathy. And, in so doing, he placed an obligation upon each and every one of us.

Our opinions may differ as to what that obligation is. For myself, I like to think that the life and example of George Eastman impose upon each of us a responsibility to keep Rochester a "better place to live"... that his charge to us is this:

"To you from failing hands we throw
   "The Torch; be yours to hold it high.
   "If ye break faith with us who die,
      "We shall not sleep...!"
There is no memorial more true and beautiful than the sincere praise of a man's neighbors and friends. We were Mr. Eastman's neighbors and friends. We, who lived near him or walked and talked with him from day to day, have come together here to listen to the music which he loved and to lay our tribute on the altar of his memory. This is a good thing to do for it encourages us on our way and keeps alive our gratitude for the great service he did for us and for all mankind.

It is not given to many men to have lived so rounded, so complete, so full a life. He knew poverty and riches, loneliness and the joys of friendship, the heavy burden of unremitting toil and the satisfaction which comes from leisure well spent. Then with rare vision and devotion he used the fruits of his labor to help the new generations to surmount the difficulties he himself had encountered.

Mr. Eastman was truly a citizen of the world. With his eyes he surveyed the world; with his mind he planned great things to be done here and elsewhere; but his heart was in Rochester. He was intensely a Rochesterian. This was the home of his affections. The roots of his life went deep into the soil of his home city. No matter where he went or how happy his journey, he loved to come home to his own city, his own fireside and his old friends. It was for Rochester that he wished the best things. He believed Rochester could be and do whatever it wanted to be and do. His confidence in the ability of this community to lead the way in commerce, in music, in government, in education, in health and happiness should be an inspiration and challenge to us to carry on
in the things which we have undertaken to do.

Mr. Eastman's benefactions to Rochester are well known. Many causes and institutions have felt the inspiration of his keen interest and been helped to do their work by his generous aid. The community renders to him, from the bottom of its heart, the gratitude for his great gifts.

But there is one gift which in many ways is the foundation of them all, and that is his great business. Industrially it is the heart of Rochester. Research, business leadership, wise and far-sighted management, human relations - these are the gifts and achievements that could come only from one of the world's great creators, organizers and leaders. Let ten thousand homes and every true Rochester heart testify to the beneficence of this contribution to our industrial ideals, our well-being and our happiness.

What Mr. Eastman did for Rochester is best understood by appreciation of what manner of man he was. He lived his life among us and we should know and keep in remembrance the deep and abiding qualities in him which made possible his great achievements.

His was a disciplined life. In his early youth he grasped the significance of learning to manage his own life. Self-discipline, summoned by necessity and ambition, laid the foundation of his clear thinking and decisive action. To him plan and order were essential to achievement. He had no patience with the haphazard thinker or doer. He believed in the discipline of work well done, in its expertness, in its thoroughness. Fine workmanship which came from the disciplined hand and mind he regarded as worthy of all praise. Indeed he liked to work with his own hands. He never lost the satisfaction of doing things for himself.

This self-discipline freed him from all pretense; brushed away
as false and useless all the sham of life and left in him a simplicity
which marked his tastes and clarified his thinking. He knew what he
knew clearly and never pretended to know anything which he did not
know.

Self-discipline of mind and body and spirit kept him to his
chosen plan and path. He cast out ease and sloth. He marshalled all
his powers to do the work which he had to do. His was a Spartan
spirit. He was the master of his fate; he was the captain of his
soul. "He who ruleth his spirit is greater than he who taketh a city."

Mr. Eastman's life was a courageous life. In all his undertakings
he never took counsel of fear. He faced the problems of his early days
with a boldness, confidence and determination that marked him as a man
who could be relied upon, not to lose heart, not to submit to failure.
His courage gave him the intellectual honesty which marked him. He
always stood squarely and firmly on the integrity of his own thought
and conviction. His mind was receptive to the ideas and opinions of
others, but he did his own thinking and acted upon his own convictions.

This independence of mind, this courage in the very center of his
being, gave to all he did an integrity and dignity that marked him
among his fellowmen.

The spiritual essence of Mr. Eastman's life expressed itself in
his love of the beautiful. There was a natural fineness about him
that drew him towards the finer things in life. Without conscious
knowledge, he sought the satisfying and appealing qualities in the
music of the masters; without artistic training he desired the beauty
in great paintings. He loved flowers and the woods and the mountains.

There was a gentleness in him when he dealt with beautiful things,
just as there was a deep and tender sympathy in him when he learned of
some humble sacrifice in a good cause.
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Our friend and neighbor has finished his task. His work was well done.

In the heart of Paris, over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, there burns the Eternal Flame. It is for a remembrance of a great service. May we keep a light in Rochester - the flame of remembrance of George Eastman - as an inspiration to our children and to generations yet to come.

Roland E. Woodward, at the Memorial Service for Mr. George Eastman, in the Eastman Theatre, Wednesday, March 23rd, 1938.
Memorial Service for George Eastman

This is an hour for grateful memories. We call to mind Mr. Eastman's remarkable qualities of leadership, shown not only in the building up of his world-wide business enterprise - which has been of priceless significance to Rochester's economic life - but shown also in his relations to widely varied civic activities, of which our Mayor and Mr. Woodward have so fittingly spoken.

It is my privilege to speak for the philanthropic and educational causes to which Mr. Eastman gave first of his thought and then of his wealth. His interest in such causes was worldwide. But it centered supremely in Rochester. Each of the institutions represented on this platform could tell of benefits received from Mr. Eastman's confidence and liberality. Most certainly each of them cherishes the determination that enlarging service through the future years shall prove the justification of the great giver's confidence and liberality.

For it was confidence that led to his gifts - confidence in the wisdom and integrity of the men and women in whose hands he placed his gifts, confidence in the real value of the public service to advance which these gifts were made.

We recall the remarkable range of interest manifested by his gifts. Our Community Chest arose largely because he led his fellow citizens to resolve that in the response to stirring appeals for war relief contributions none of our home philanthropies should be allowed to break down. And through all the years of that Chest's activity he has been its most liberal supporter. Think of what he did for building up our several hospitals and other agencies for ministry to physical health; for the Great Dental Dispensary and its marvelous
service to the children of those who can ill afford to pay for dental care; and for the enlargement of our parks, the playgrounds of the common people!

Then turn your thought to his generous aid in equipping for effective work our community's service for building and maintaining moral health in our youth, through that large group of character-building agencies, of which the Young Men's Christian Association and the Boy Scouts organization may stand as types. He realized that it is better to build and maintain moral health than it is to wait for the necessity to restore broken health.

And in special measure we are reminded in this place of his belief in and his lavish provision for education. That belief found its first large expression in the cause of industrial education by his gift to the Mechanics Institute of the building which bears his name; and he never lost interest in such industrial education. With the passing years his interest widened to embrace the largest provisions for technical education in engineering, as at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and in medicine here in Rochester. Moreover, because the soundest technical education can be built only on the advancement of knowledge through research, he gave for scientific and cultural education with growing liberality.

In one sense this interest in education culminated in his provision for musical education here in the School which bears his name, and also in the public and parochial schools through his gifts of musical instruments and radio-receiving sets to those schools. He valued the training of youth for musical careers, but he valued more the training of multitudes for the enjoyment of music and the discovery of the resources which such enjoyment supplies for leisure hours. This value he himself had found and he wished to share it.
with all his fellow citizens. There is eloquence in the inscription which he placed over the entrance to this theatre: "Dedicated to the Enrichment of Community Life." That dedication could justly be stamped on all his gifts, civic as well as philanthropic.

For Mr. Eastman was a great lover of his city. He longed to see it grow in beauty as well as in health and prosperity. Over and over again he expressed his desire "that Rochester should be the best place in the world in which to live and bring up children." Can you hear his voice expressing that desire, and the emphasis he placed on the last word children? He had no children of his own. He longed that the children of others should have the best possible chance for strong and satisfying life. Of that no question could remain for any one who ever saw him in his Dental Dispensary studying the records of work for the children who flocked to that service. There could be gained a glimpse below the surface of his life. He was a man of great reserve. So undemonstrative was he that emotion seemed often far from him. Yet emotion strong and steadfast was there underneath!

Singularly unpretentious, he resented any intimation that he could patronize any man. Sincerity and integrity were his distinguishing marks. Such sincerity and integrity he sought and he recognized in other men, rich or poor, with whom he had to do.

To those who had the privilege of such degrees of intimacy as his reserve made possible, he revealed himself a staunch friend of such rare and affectionate simplicity and charm that they cherish the memory thereof as a priceless heritage.

Through all the coming years we shall hold our friend in grateful remembrance, aware of the fact that our gratitude can show its sincerity only in the degree that we dedicate ourselves to carry on George Eastman's great purposes "for the Enrichment of Community Life."

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March 23, 1932
Copy of paragraph contained in a personal letter to
T. E. Finegan from Mr. John W. Cowles, Grand Commander
of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction,
obice, 1733 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

"This morning's paper carries the announcement of the
death of Mr. George Eastman and, of course, you will
get many letters of condolence and expressions of re-
gret over his passing. I presume I look at these things
differently than most people. I have great sympathy for
a man who has been in ill health for years and years, and
when he has reached the end of his powers and of his ac-
complishment and life has become a burden to him, I can-
not see any particular harm in his doing away with it.
It is just as bad to live too long and become a burden upon
one's self, or one's friends or relatives, as it is too
bad for a man to die in early manhood when he has the
world before him to conquer."

Miscellaneous correspondence about death
May 2, 1932.

My dear Lovejoy:

It is now almost 38 years since I had the pleasure of seeing you and they have worked astonishing changes. It is far too late to congratulate you on your remarkable success, but to us who were in Course 10, '94, it is no surprise. I wish you all satisfaction in your enlarged responsibilities since the death of Mr. Eastman.

I am preparing as the twelfth volume of the Smithsonian Scientific Series a book entitled "Great Inventions." I deal at considerable length with Mr. Eastman and the revolution he wrought in photography, and would like very much to have what you consider to be the best photograph of him, and also two or three of the most generally interesting photographs of the Kodak Park operations and plant, for illustration of this volume. Could you have sent, at my expense, glossy prints covering this field? I shall have pleasure in making suitable acknowledgments.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Secretary.

Mr. Frank W. Lovejoy,
Eastman Kodak Company,
Rochester, N.Y.
Miscellaneous correspondence about death
Extract from the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Dental Dispensary, held at the Dispensary, 800 Main Street East, Rochester, N. Y., on the 54th day of May, 1922.

"Our great leader, George Eastman, has gone, but his spirit and character march on, triumphant. As long as and wherever men value truth and wisdom and courage and mercy, they will continue to do him honor. Business leader, scientist, philanthropist, great citizen of the world, many individuals and organizations memorialize his passing. To one particular phase of his philanthropy we, the members of this Board, have a special opportunity of paying homage. In this institution, founded by him, we have the great honor of carrying on the banner he raised in the interests of children. Pioneer in so many things, he broke new trails in his early recognition of the value of oral hygiene to children. With his characteristic concerted energy he has developed this idea, first represented in this institution, in concrete form, in the principal cities of the world. Childless himself, his busy life included a great desire for the improvement of opportunity of little children everywhere. We have lost a great friend and a great leader. We should not be entirely worthy of the privilege of his friendship, or true to the trust imposed upon us by his leadership did we not, as Trustees of this institution, dedicate ourselves to its conduct and further development as a perpetual, living embodiment of his high purposes for the welfare of mankind."

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said corporation this 16th day of May, 1922.

[Signature]  
Secretary.
March 15 1932

Mr. Imray,
Eastman Kodak Co.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

"My work is done".

An epitaph - an autobiography - complete in four simple words.

The late George Eastman was privileged as few mortals are conscientiously to think that he had so completely given of himself to the entire world.

What supreme satisfaction, what blessed happiness, must have been the enviable thought of this otherwise lonely man.

He labored, nay, slaved, to bring instruction and pleasure to the entire civilized world, and profited in money to a degree which indicated the wholesome merits of his efforts and products. All, but to re-distribute to these same millions the world over the usufruct of his genius.

As he toiled with his own hands make HIMSELF, so with his own hands he, with mourning and sorrow to all, took himself from earthly labor forever.

The profound moral that may be drawn from the life spirit of this remarkable man, George Eastman, should indeed be an inspiration.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Peerless Frame "moulding Co."
From - Brick Church Life.

The death of George Eastman March 14th, overwhelms me. He was my friend for more than forty years. I was proud of his superb career. There was his characteristic grim courage and strength in his going forth to meet Death as he did, instead of waiting for Death to come to him. But whose is there one of his friends now who does not wish that he might have had that other kind of strength and courage that moved Job to say, in the midst of his afflictions, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, until my change come"? This is not pronouncing judgment. It is not condemnation. It is only the expression of a sorrow at his death that is one degree deeper than it otherwise would have been.

Yours in the shadow,

William R. Taylor.
March 16, 1932

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am sending you this letter to let you know about the death of my father,
Mr. James, who passed away this morning. He was a long-time employee
of the Eastman Kodak Company. I am very sad to hear of his passing,
and I am sure you will be as well. He was a kind and dedicated
employee, and we will miss him greatly.

I am writing to let you know about a personal matter. My father,
Mr. James, was in charge of the development of a new camera
model at the company. He spent many years working on this project,
and it was a significant contribution to the company.

I hope you can understand the circumstances of his passing,
and I appreciate your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
George Eastman
1854 - 1932

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Miscellaneous correspondence about death
Extending sincere sympathy to you in your bereavement.

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Columbus Dental Society
Columbus, Ohio

DR. HOMER C. BROWN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The active and successful business life of Mr. George Eastman made it possible for him to generously inaugurate many worthy projects during his lifetime and provide adequate endowments for their continuance; and,

WHEREAS, He was one of the first philanthropists to recognize the health and humanitarian phase of dental care by establishing the Rochester Dental Dispensary, the success of which prompted him to establish similar clinics in several European centers, the benefits of which will be a lasting tribute to the memory of this world-renown dental benefactor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Columbus Dental Society considers it an honor and a privilege to record its appreciation of Mr. Eastman’s valuable contributions for the recognition and advancement of the dental profession as a factor in raising health standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated in the official records of the Society and that a copy be transmitted to Dr. Harvey J. Burkhart, Director of the Rochester Dental Dispensary, for such disposition as he deems appropriate.

Dr. Brown moved the adoption of the Resolution which was seconded by Dr. Alden J. Bush and unanimously carried, March 18, 1932.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT M. TEMPLE, SECRETARY,
COLUMBUS DENTAL SOCIETY.
Eastman Kodak Co.
Rochester, N.Y.

My Dear Sir:

Mr. Eastman was much bent and talked of here, we were all sorry to hear about his death, I can never forget a great man like him.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

MAR 23
8:00 A.M.

Col. Delbert

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