

SENATE No. 2295

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
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SENATE, Monday, May 16, 2016

The committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Senate Bill to establish a special commission to consider an appropriate tribute to Nelson Mandela in the City of Boston (Senate, No. 1678),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a “Resolve to establish a special commission to consider an appropriate tribute to Nelson Mandela in the City of Boston” (Senate, No. 2295).

For the committee,
Mark C. Montigny

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Resolve to establish a special commission to consider an appropriate tribute to Nelson Mandela in the City of Boston.

1 **Resolved**, that there shall be a special commission to consider the viability of establishing
2 a designed space or facility on the Esplanade or another location in the city of Boston to
3 commemorate the visit of Nelson Mandela to the city of Boston in June 1990 and the speech
4 given by him on the Esplanade and at Madison Park high school.

5 The commission shall consult with the department of conservation and recreation and
6 other relevant state or city agencies and shall engage the people of the city of Boston in the
7 consideration of the importance and value of having a space or facility to commemorate Nelson
8 Mandela’s visit.

9 The commission shall consider: (i) the universal nature of Nelson Mandela’s message to
10 the city of Boston and to the United States and how to best convey that message through the
11 establishment of the designed space or facility; (ii) the establishment of a design committee and
12 selection process for the design of the space or facility; and (iii) funding options for the designed
13 space or facility.

14 The commission shall consist of 2 persons who shall be appointed by the governor, 1
15 person who shall be appointed by the senate president; 1 person who shall be appointed by the
16 speaker of the house of representatives, 1 person who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city
17 of Boston; 1 person who shall be appointed by the Esplanade Association, Inc.; 1 person who
18 shall be appointed by The Boston Society of Architects; 1 person who shall be appointed by
19 South Africa Partners, Inc.; 1 person who shall be appointed by the Black Ministerial Alliance of
20 Greater Boston, Inc.; and 4 persons who shall be appointed by the Mandela memorial committee,
21 of whom 1 shall be an architect or design professional. The members shall select a chair and vice
22 chair of the commission.

23 The commission shall invite the submission of papers and plans from interested parties
24 and receive testimony from experts and the general public. The commission shall examine
25 designs and the process used to establish comparable spaces in other cities or states and shall
26 submit a detailed report with its proposals and recommendations to the clerks of the senate and
27 the house of representatives, the governor and the mayor of the city of Boston not later than 18
28 months after the effective date of this resolve. The clerks of the senate and the house of
29 representatives shall make the report available to the public via the internet. The appointment of
30 the commissioners shall occur within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve. The special
31 commission shall dissolve 60 days after the submission of the report.