



City of Cambridge

51.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1998

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of former New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug on March 31, 1998 at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS: Bella Abzug was a founder of the women's liberation movement, as the feminist movement of that era was called; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Abzug was an outspoken opponent of the Vietnam War whose first act in Congress on her very first day as a Congresswoman in 1972 was to introduce a resolution calling for a withdrawal of all American troops from Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Abzug's early career as a civil rights lawyer established the foundation for her political career; in the 1950's she fought Senator Joe McCarthy on behalf of clients whom he had victimized; one of her first cases after law school was an appeal for a black Mississippi man convicted of raping a white woman; and

WHEREAS: In 1975 Bella Abzug introduced the first gay rights act in Congress; she also forced the Nixon administration to release the Pentagon Papers by skillful procedural maneuvers; and

WHEREAS: In 1976 Ms. Abzug chose to run against Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the Democratic Senate primary instead of running for a fourth term in the House; she lost that election and did not again win public elected office, but she remained an active and forceful spokesperson in many liberal and women's issues for the rest of her life; and

WHEREAS: At the time of her death, Bella Abzug headed the Women's Environment and Development Organization; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Abzug is survived by her two daughters and a sister; and

WHEREAS: Bella Abzug will be sorely missed by all she loved and touched; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Bella Abzug at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Abzug family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 6, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Consent Order #51

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Councillor Triantafillou and entire membership
re: resolution on the death of former
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ORDER ADOPTED