



City of Cambridge

65.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 1995

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

WHEREAS: The Council was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of MATAU ANNA MABUZA, on Saturday September 2, 1995, at 45 years of age, and after a long illness; and

WHEREAS: MATAU ANNA MABUZA (*nee* Rantao) was born in Zeerust, South Africa, where she lived until the mid-1960's when, under the apartheid policies of the South African government, her family was forcibly removed from land they had owned for generations, to make way for a "whites only" settlement; and

WHEREAS: MATAU ANNA MABUZA and her family commenced a life in exile in neighboring Botswana, where she met her future husband, the late Reginald Mabuza, a leading figure in the African National Congress and a colleague of such luminaries as Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo; and

WHEREAS: MATAU ANNA MABUZA and her husband dedicated their lives to the international resistance movement, which eventually led to the abolition of apartheid and the establishment of democracy in South Africa; and

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #65

Entire Membership
Mayor Reeves and entire membership re: Resolution on the death of Matau Anna Mabuza, anti-apartheid activist from Zeerust, South Africa, who received political asylum from the US government in the City of Cambridge. *R-757*

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Order Adopted