



City of Cambridge

R-79.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2006

MAYOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR KELLEY
 COUNCILLOR MURPHY
 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Laura van Dam at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS: Laura was a talented and respected science journalist and editor; she was a senior editor for Technology Review in Cambridge and then at Houghton Mifflin Co., where the authors and books she handled included Natalie Angiers Woman: An Intimate Geography, Daniel Schacter's The Seven Sins of Memory and Steve Olson's Mapping Human History; for the last two years, Laura was a freelance editor with her own consulting company; and

WHEREAS: Laura was very active in the National Association of Science Writers and served as president this past year; and

WHEREAS: Laura loved gardening, reading, swimming at 5:30 a.m. in Walden Pond, hiking and the beauty of the natural world; most of all she loved her husband Howard, her son David and her many devoted friends; and

WHEREAS: Laura's passing will leave a void in the lives of all her surviving family, her husband Howard Saxner; her son David; her stepsisters Peggy Nittel, Emmy Greve and Marja Lang; and her stepbrother Bob Nittel; and

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

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Laura van Dam 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 van Dam family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

RESOLUTION #79

Resolution on the death of Laura
van Dam.

**Mayor Reeves and entire
membership**

**In City Council
May 1, 2006**

ORDER ADOPTED