

WHEREAS: It is an expressed goal of this City Council to foster community by supporting opportunities for citizens to know each other within their neighborhoods and across the city; and

WHEREAS: It was within the spirit of this goal that Olivia I. Abelson lived her life; now therefore be it

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

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be presented to the family at the September 21, 2003 celebration of her life on behalf of the entire City Council.

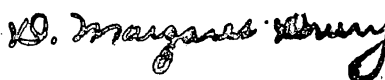
In City Council September 8, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2003

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

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Olivia I. Abelson on August 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS: Olivia was the beloved wife of Milton (Micky) Abelson; and

WHEREAS: Olivia's passing will leave a void in the lives of all her surviving family, her daughter Sandra (Zagarell) and son Edward, her daughter-in-law Amy, as well as other loving family; and

WHEREAS: Olivia was proceeded in death by her parents and son Frank; and

WHEREAS: Olivia's passing will also be felt by the numerous friends, neighbors, and students who were touched by her ability to connect with people with great kindness and warmth; and

WHEREAS: In her 38 years of residency Olivia made an indelible impression on this community through her community service and activism for peace and fair housing and was termed by this very body as our city's preeminent peace activist; and

WHEREAS: Olivia's work for peace included service on the local, state and national boards of Peace Action and her passionate words in support of peace live on emblazoned on signs and buttons throughout this city and country with her wise words of "War is not the answer"; and

WHEREAS: Olivia last appeared before this City Council to speak out in opposition to the war in Iraq and in support of a City Council resolution in support of peaceful resolution, which unanimously passed on February 10, 2003; and

WHEREAS: Olivia was the conscience for the City, repeatedly reminding us of the importance of putting the needs of people, particularly children, before weapons and peace before war; and

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RESOLUTION#63

Resolution on the death of Olivia I.
Abelson.

**Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan,
Councillor Decker and entire
membership**

In City Council September 8, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED