



City of Cambridge

134.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 1998

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

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WHEREAS: Hafsat Abiola has been an outspoken advocate of democracy in Nigeria since the assassination of her mother Kudirat in June of 1996; and

WHEREAS: Hafsat Abiola mobilized many of her fellow students at Harvard University during her undergraduate years on behalf of human rights; and

WHEREAS: Hafsat brought her message of democracy and compassion to the Youth Peace and Justice Corps and to the whole student body at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School embodying the dignity and compassion she seeks for Nigeria; and

WHEREAS: Hafsat Abiola captured the hearts of the people of Cambridge and the members of the Cambridge City Council when they passed a unanimous resolution to end Cambridge business with the regime of Nigeria and the enabling funds supplied by Shell Oil which have led to devastation; and

WHEREAS: Hafsat's father Chief Moshood Abiola has died under the auspices of the military regime which had kept him in solitary confinement and without access to medical care since he claimed his election to the presidency of Nigeria in 1994; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council sends its deepest sympathies to Hafsat and her family on the occasion of her father's death; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council re-affirms its commitment to ending business with the regime and enabling oil companies which were responsible for the imprisonment of Chief Abiola.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Consent Order #134

Councillor Davis re: re-affirm commitment
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ORDER ADOPTED