

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission will be holding the Eleventh Cambridge Peace and Justice Awards Dinner – honoring an amazing set of individuals and groups for their contributions to peacemaking in our city – on Sunday, November 16, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council does recognize and congratulate each and every member of the Student Mediation Team for all of their efforts; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Peace Commission to be presented to representatives of the Student Mediation Team at the Eleventh Cambridge Peace and Justice Awards Dinner on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council November 17, 2008.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to many who use their time, talents, and energies to create more just, peaceful, and safe communities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many organizations and individuals promoting issues of peace and justice both locally and globally. This important work is done in a variety of ways and on a range of issues –from people who work for peace in families, schools, congregations, and neighborhoods to those working across the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission has created Peace and Justice Awards, which recognize individuals and organizations in Cambridge working for peace and social justice by soliciting the nominations of people or programs that build bridges among people, those who stand for peace and justice initiatives particularly in these times of conflict, war, and divisions, and who may be lifelong peace and justice makers, as well as those among us whose daily lives may be inspirations to their community; and

WHEREAS: **Sheila Hoffman** has been chosen by the Cambridge Peace Commission from among more than fifty nominees to receive a Peace and Justice Award for the love, creativity, innovation, patience, optimism and steadfast loyalty to the well-being of children and families she has demonstrated in her work for more than forty years. This includes her work during the Civil Rights Movement, when she founded, directed and ran the Worcester Integrated Social Project; her thirty-five years as a substitute teacher in the Cambridge Public School system; and for her nineteen years as the Family Therapist of the Community Art Center in Cambridge, where she works with children, the staff, and the program as a whole through "Milieu Therapy: the Art of Being;" this has taken many forms, including community gardening, pillow making, pancake making, and bicycle maintenance and repair; adventure trips to the Boston Harbor Islands, Drumlin Farm, the DeCordova grounds, and Walden Pond; helping with a child-run library, cake baking, studying a Native American curriculum, shadow and puppet theatre, kite making and flying – all with the goal of helping our children be happy and, in an ongoing way, realizing, discovering, and maturing and refining their potential; and

RESOLUTION #23

Congratulations to Sheila Hoffman
on receiving a Peace and Justice
Award on November 16, 2008
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
November 17, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED