

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record expressing its appreciation to Rita Arditti for her dedication to justice and equality and wishing her a very happy seventy-third birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Rita Arditti on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City September 10, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna P. Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna P. Lopez
Deputy City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-123.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2007

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Rita Arditti is celebrating her seventy-third birthday; and

WHEREAS: Rita was born in 1934 in Argentina, the daughter of a Jewish family that had emigrated from Turkey; and

WHEREAS: Rita earned her Ph.D in genetics from the University of Rome; she then came to Cambridge in 1966 on a post-doctoral fellowship in genetics and continued her work at Harvard and Brandeis as a research scientist; during the late sixties and early seventies, she became involved with other socially active scientists; and

WHEREAS: In 1974, Rita co-founded "New Words," an internationally renowned women's bookstore in Cambridge, which started in a single room rented from a restaurant on Kirkland Street and expanded to include an impressive collection of books, talks and lectures; and

WHEREAS: In 1989, after surviving breast cancer, Rita helped to found the Women's Community Cancer Project, which explores research on causes, treatments and preventative methods available to women; and

WHEREAS: During the 1980's Rita's contributions to an Argentinian human rights group brought into her contact with a group of older Argentinian women who joined with their daughters and other mothers searching for their "disappeared" grandchildren who had been born to women seized during the "duty" war of 1976-1983; in 1999 she published a book, *Searching for Life: The Grandmothers of the Plaza De Mayo and the Disappeared Children of Argentina*; and

WHEREAS: Among many honors that Rita received are the "Jessie Bernard Wise Woman Award" from the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. in 1994 and the City of Cambridge Peace and Justice Award; now therefore be it

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Happy 73rd Birthday wishes to
Rita Arditti
**Councillor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
September 10, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED