



City of Cambridge

10.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 1996

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

WHEREAS: **Zoe Demetracopoulou**, also known as Zoe Demos, passed away on April 26, 1996 at the age of ninety-six years; and

WHEREAS: Zoe was born in Constantinople in 1899, came to America in 1924 to attend college and became a United States citizen in 1927; and

WHEREAS: Zoe returned to Greece where she served as the head of the Greek branch of the International Social Service where she created a network of social services primarily for children and during World War II she worked with the Greek branch of the International Red Cross; and

WHEREAS: After the war, she also worked with the Greek Mission of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, as a Welfare Training Officer and joined the Greek War Relief Association; and

WHEREAS: Zoe returned to the United States and received her Master's Degree in 1949 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work and received a Fulbright Grant in 1962; and

WHEREAS: Zoe retired in 1970 and volunteered with the United Way and received the Volunteer of the Year twice from the United Way; and

WHEREAS: Zoe's passing will leave a void in the lives of all of her surviving friends and family, her brother Miltiades, nineteen nieces and nephews and many grand nieces and grand nephews; and

WHEREAS: Zoe 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 **Zoe Demos** 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 Demos family on behalf of the entire City Council.

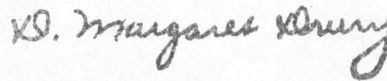
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Councillor Triantafillou
/AII

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WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of

_____ on _____;
and

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*May 17 memo
at Phila*

Zoe Demetracopoulou, 1899-1996

Zoe Demetracopoulou, who also was known as Zoe Demos, died on April 26 at the age of 96, after a brief illness.

Born September 9, 1899, to a Greek family in Constantinople (now Istanbul), Miss Demetracopoulou came to America to attend college; after graduating from Oberlin College in 1924, she attended the recently established New York School of Social Work for a year, and then began a long career, beginning with two years of work with children in New Haven. She became a United States citizen in 1927. (Dumbfounded to find herself classified as Turkish by the immigration authorities, she cheerfully foreswore allegiance to the Sultan.) Almost immediately after obtaining her citizenship, she returned to Greece, where her father had recently retired after a long career as a Protestant minister.

For many years, she was one of only two professionally trained social workers in Greece. Conditions in Greece were not easy. The population was suffering from many scourges: from poverty, above all; from disease (trachoma, tuberculosis, malaria were widespread); from the inflow in 1922 of over a million Greek refugees from Turkey, a problem far from solved even in the 1930s; and from unemployment and its consequence, the emigration of so many young men. Miss Demetracopoulou served as head of the Greek branch of the International Social Service, an organization based in Switzerland and New York, and did much to create a network of social services, first and foremost services for children, fighting to ameliorate these conditions. When the Second World War came, and the ensuing German occupation, she worked with the Greek branch of the International Red Cross. She helped to organize, and then supervised, the Office for Prisoners of War, and was active in other emergency programs. Till the end of her life, she would hear from people whose lives had been saved by her efforts in this period.

After the end of the war, Miss Demetracopoulou worked with the Greek Mission of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), as a consultant and a Welfare Training Officer. When the UNRRA program was terminated in 1946, she joined the Greek War Relief Association as Area Supervisor.

In the fall of 1947, she returned to the United States, where five of her brothers and sisters had settled. She again became a student, attending the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work, and receiving a master's degree in 1949. Then, at the age of 50, she began a new career in America, working with agencies in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, before coming to the Boston area in 1955. In the years that followed, she worked for various agencies, beginning with several years with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. In 1962, she received a Fulbright grant, which she utilized by serving as consultant to various accredited schools of social work in Greece. After retiring in 1970, she continued to use her professional skills as a volunteer with the United Way, screening new volunteers and matching them with needs throughout the greater Boston area. She was twice honored for her service by being named Volunteer of the Year.

Zoe Demetracopoulou was one of nine children, eight of whom survived to adulthood, all attaining some distinction. Her late brother Raphael Demos was a well known professor of philosophy at Harvard, and her late sister Dorothy Lee achieved wide recognition as an anthropologist and ~~student~~ of society. She is survived by her brother Miltiades Demos, a retired professor of ~~mathematics~~, by 19 nieces and nephews and a large number of their children and grandchildren, and by a multitude of other relatives. She was the focal point and the beloved leader of this large clan. She provided moral and emotional support to them, as she did all her life to many others.

Triantafillou & Guérin, P.C.
101 Rogers Street, Suite 405
Cambridge, MA 02142

Thursday, May 9, 1996
12:24pm

Attention: Sandra Albano

Company: City Council Office

Telephone #: (617) 349-4280

Fax #: (617) 349-4287

Subject: The attached Death Resolution

Sender: Katherine Triantafillou

Sender Telephone #: (617) 577-1505

Sender Fax #: (617) 577-1012

You should receive 2 pages, *including this cover sheet*.
If you do not receive all the pages, please call the number above.

Donna:

**This is the female I was thinking about. Check her obit too.
Please submit death resolution today. Thanks**

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Consent Order #10 *Entire membership*
Councillor Triantafillou and
entire membership re: *R-511*
Resolution on the death of
Zoe Demetracopoulou.

In City Council May 13, 1996

Order adopted