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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

February 7, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: The School Committee was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Cambridge School Committee Member, City Councilor, Mayor, and State Representative Alice K. Wolf, at the age of 89 on January 26th, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf believed in creating a world that is accepting of all, a value instilled in her at an early age, when her family escaped Austria in 1938 from Nazi rule, leading them to seek asylum in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf's family settled in Brighton, MA, and attended Boston Girls' Latin School, earned a bachelor's degree from Simmons College, and a master's in public administration from Harvard Kennedy School; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf was first elected as Cambridge School Committee Member in 1973, launching a nearly 35-year career as an elected official that would take her to the City Council for five terms beginning in 1984, serving as Mayor from 1990-1991, and the MA House of Representatives in 1996, where she served for 16 years; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf lead many charges to advance social justice, including the effort to establish Cambridge as a Sanctuary City in 1986, an example of her commitment to humane and fair immigration policies; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf was an effective ally of LGBTQ+ communities, for example hosting the City's first Gay Pride breakfast, and championing a 1992 policy that allowed LGBTQ+ couples to receive healthcare benefits if one person was a city employee; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf made meaningful changes in Cambridge and the broader Commonwealth regarding education, environmental matters, reproductive health, affordable housing, elder services, and many more progressive causes; and

WHEREAS: Alice Wolf spent her life working to bridge divides, build consensus, to promote tolerance and respect for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record in expressing its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and the community of Alice K. Wolf for their loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Alice Wolf's husband Bob and their two sons, Eric and Adam, on behalf of the entire School Committee.

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Attest: *Ariel B. Kennebrew*

Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

cc:
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Member Fantini
Member Hunter
Member Rojas
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