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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

September 17, 2024

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: The School Committee was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rita Grassi on September 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Rita Grassi was born to the late Manfredi Grassi and Mary A. (Pasquariello) Grassi, and was sister to Mary, Anthony, and former School Committee Member Joseph Grassi; and

WHEREAS: Rita Grassi was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in Somerville and the Wilfred Hairdressing Academy, and she would go on to have a distinguished career, starting as a Senior Fraud Investigator at the Bank of New England, then as a receptionist at Kaufman Inc., and most recently she served for many, many years as Committee Receptionist for the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where she assisted in preparing legislation and responding to constituent inquiries until her retirement in September 2023; and

WHEREAS: Despite her health issues, Rita Grassi was known for her loving, caring, and generous nature, she maintained a positive spirit and welcomed all who came into her life, leaving a lasting impact on her family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS: In addition to her siblings, Rita Grassi leaves behind her niece Kristen and her husband William Rollins, her nephew Matthew and his wife Rebeca, her nephew Michael and his wife Bridget, Anthony David Grassi, Montserrat Quintero, and Stephanie Mary Grassi, her great-niece and nephews Madison, Mason, Carter, and Teddy, her godchildren Matthew and Anthony Grassi and Elizabeth Ciampa, and her memory shall be forever cherished by them all; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record extending its deepest condolences to the Grassi Family for their tremendous loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Committee Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Joe Grassi and the entire Grassi Family on behalf of the entire School Committee.

A true copy:

Attest: 

Katherine Christo
Interim Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Mayor Simmons
Member Harding
Member Hudson
Vice Chair Hunter
Member Rachel
Member Rojas
Member Weinstein
Superintendent