



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of longtime Cambridge resident and peace activist Suzanne Schell Pearce on April 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Suzanne was born in New York City, and was educated at the Brearley School, the Putney School in Vermont, and later she attended Radcliffe University, where she first encountered world federalism, and became devoted to the Peace Movement; and

WHEREAS: Suzanne became an important voice in the anti-nuclear movement in the mid-1980s, during which time she also worked to set up a peace section in the Cambridge Public Library in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Suzanne's work included involvement with Cambridge Peace Action, Massachusetts State Peace Action, the Lawyers Alliance for World Security (LAWS), the Cambridge Sister City relationship with Yerevan, Armenia, and she would go on to serve as the first Executive Director of the Middle Powers Initiative; and

WHEREAS: Suzanne was quite active in a variety of different initiatives, with a number of different individuals from all walks of life, and due to her warm nature, her devotion to her causes, her intellectual curiosity and zest for life, she was beloved and admired by so many; and

WHEREAS: Suzanne was married to John Pearce, with whom she raised two wonderful daughters, Miranda and Sarah, in their home near Fresh Pond; and

WHEREAS: Suzanne will be sorely missed by her family, friends, and many admirers throughout Cambridge and beyond; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy for the family of Suzanne Pearce for their 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 family of Suzanne Pearce on behalf of the entire City Council.