



RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING FRED TEEBOOM AND HIS WORK ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fourteen

WHEREAS, Fred Teeboom was just a child when German soldiers seized control of the Netherlands in May of 1940; he and his family were among the estimated 140,000 Jews residing in the country, and he often questioned why he was spared;

WHEREAS, by the end of World War II, some six million Jews perished at the hands of Nazi hatred, hundreds of which were extended family members of Fred Teeboom that were murdered in Auschwitz. Fred, his parents and his brother survived thanks to the shelter they received in Holland from a devout Christian Dutch family;

WHEREAS, Fred Teeboom, many years later, paid a visit to Dachau concentration camp where he was inspired to create a memorial in his hometown of Nashua and after five long years of fundraising, planning and designing, he now believes he survived the Nazis regime so that God could guide him to build the New Hampshire Holocaust Memorial;

WHEREAS, Fred Teeboom joined forces with sculptor John Weidman of Brookline to create the main portion of the memorial which incorporates six granite walls to represent the six concentration camps, etched barbed wire representing fences at the camps, and a center black cube that is symbolic of the Holocaust as our darkest hour in history and shows a reflection of all who visit; and

WHEREAS, with a set of railroad tracks donated by Pan Am Railways leading up to the monument and representative of the trains Holocaust victims rode to their demise at the concentration camps; the New Hampshire Holocaust Memorial was erected to ensure that generations to come never forget the lessons of the Holocaust and never again stay silent in the face of human tragedy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua to recognize Fred Teeboom for his strength, unwavering hard work and dedication put forth from conception to fruition in the establishment of the New Hampshire Holocaust Memorial and applaud him for his courage along the journey of its development.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2014

RESOLUTION: R-14-038

PURPOSE: Recognizing Fred Teeboom and his work on the New
Hampshire Holocaust Memorial

ENDORSERS: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Board of Aldermen

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

This resolution recognizes Mr. Fred Teeboom for his work on the newly dedicated New Hampshire Holocaust Memorial.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dorothy Clarke

Date: June 6, 2014