

Massachusetts National WW II Memorial Committee



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MA Memorial Bill Honoring Myra Hiatt Kraft for Service on the HomeFront

The Massachusetts National WWII Memorial Committee hereby resolves to memorialize Mrs. Myra Hiatt Kraft for her tireless contributions to society which transformed the relationship between philanthropist and philanthropy, providing a legacy of unprecedented support for charitable work in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Whereas, the Massachusetts National WWII Memorial Committee under its duty prescribed by its Chairman Emeritus the Honorable John Joseph Moakley to promote Patriotism in our communities and recognize those who have gone before us who preserved our American way of life; hence after thorough analysis of contributions to our communities determine, Mrs. Myra Hiatt Kraft, a "National Role Model for American Women" for her tireless giving through Charitable works.

Whereas, Myra Hiatt, as her father's daughter witnessed firsthand during her childhood in Worcester, MA one of the greatest examples of philanthropic giving in the history of the Commonwealth by her father Jacob Hiatt; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt endured childhood with the knowledge of losing her grandfather and grandmother in Lithuania along with her great aunts, and uncle due to the Nazi Holocaust, Thus dedicating her life to a duty to remember the stories of the holocaust and to teach tolerance in society; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt raised in the philanthropic legacy of Jacob Hiatt, emulated her beloved father and at age 5 visiting the displaced and less fortunate in European camps; recognizing early in life the historical impact of the camps; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt daughter of one of the early visionary leaders of Brandeis University journeyed to Israel in 1948 to assist the less fortunate at the dawn of the creation of Israel; and

Whereas, student Myra Hiatt, author of the play "North Atlantic" which gave recognition to our coastal community that contributed to preserve our freedom in World War II; and

Whereas, the Jerusalem Post records that Myra Hiatt as a child went "door to door" raising money for the poor children of Palestine into the darkness of night to great concern to her mother, yet "returning home with a sack of money for the children of Palestine." And

Whereas, Myra Hiatt married Robert Kraft in June 1963 and the union being blessed with four son's Jonathan, Daniel, Josh, and David Kraft, making great contributions to community life in Brookline, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt Kraft personally staffed phone banks for fundraising drives for the less fortunate when a cause needed a financial boost; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt Kraft as a leader of charitable organizations although petite in frame had the courage of a lion in her quest to show by example the importance to help others in need, and to teach tolerance to the indifference in our society; and

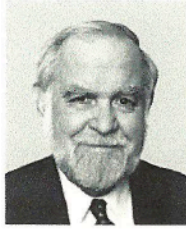
Whereas, Myra Hiatt Kraft served on the Board of Brandeis University and for the Boston Foundation, and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay exhibiting a tireless effort to education and those in need; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt Kraft the Board of Brigham and Woman's Hospital, and the American Repertory Theatre giving tirelessly to medical care and the importance of art and theatre to society; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt Kraft served on the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Facing History & Ourselves, a holocaust education organization enhancing valuable knowledge of Jewish history; and

Whereas, Myra Hiatt Kraft as President of the Kraft Family Foundation, and the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation under her leadership have given in unprecedented fashion to the needs of medical, educational, arts, and education organizations, along with youth sports, catholic schools, and at-risk children; and

Whereas, Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston declared Myra Hiatt Kraft a strong advocate for serving the less fortunate and a great supporter of Catholic Charities giving dedicated support and commitment to serve others in need; and



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Whereas, Michael Durkin, CEO of United Way of Massachusetts Bay declared through great vision "that Myra Hiatt Kraft insisted that non-profits be the best, and do the best!" and

Whereas, the Boston Globe has declared, that "Myra Hiatt Kraft has forged a whole new form of engaged giving;" and

Whereas, the International Herald Tribune declared that "Myra Hiatt Kraft has modeled a new form of engaged giving that is transforming the relationship between philanthropist and philanthropy." and

Whereas, the Jewish Community Relations Council has declared that Myra Hiatt Kraft has "embodied the Jewish values of Tzedakah and social justice through her charitable efforts on behalf of the Jewish community and the people of Greater Boston;" Further declaring that Myra Hiatt Kraft is a woman of great integrity and passion who saw challenges as opportunities making a difference in the lives of the people she met; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts National World War II Memorial Committee under the prescribed duty of its Chairman Emeritus John Joseph Moakley recognizes Myra Hiatt Kraft for her unprecedented leadership in our Commonwealth, thus hereby declare her a Guardian to the Hall of Patriotic Heroes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Therefore be it resolved that the Massachusetts National WWII Memorial Committee hereby declares on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Massachusetts to recognize Mrs. Myra Hiatt Kraft, as a National Role Model for Women in lieu of her tremendous contributions to assist the less fortunate through her legacy of charitable work.

Submitted with great honor to the Foxborough Board of Selectman on the 24th day of January in the year 2012!

Capt. Thomas J. Hudner, Hon. Chairman
Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient

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