

RESOLUTION

The members of the American Bridge Association, Inc. (ABA) were greatly saddened to receive the news of the demise of one of our faithful and prestigious bridge players, on September 18, 2017, in the person of

Lela Wilson

Whereas, Lela was a dedicated and faithful member of the ABA for over 50 years, she was a former Sectional Vice President for the Southwestern Section. Professionally, she was an educator, which contributed to her service to our organization, previously serving as National Chairperson of Bridge Education, providing sound and sage advice to those who would become her peers,

Whereas, Lela was an extraordinary player in all aspects of duplicate bridge, as evidenced by amassing over 36,000 points, she became the fourth ranking ABA player and the first female to merit this honor,

Whereas, Lela lived and worked in the Southwestern Section of the ABA, her name, her reputation, her expertise, her humility, her infectious smile, her charismatic demeanor, and her quiet eminence, will remain with us forever.

Be it resolved that we, the members of the American Bridge Association, Inc., acknowledge that although our hearts are sad, our fellow bridge player, our co-laborer, has left us and we will miss her at the tournament table, but moreover, we will miss our friend for the love she showered upon the American Bridge Association.

Surely her presence will be missed but we do not grieve beyond measure for her, for we know there is no sorrow which time and memories will not diminish. We know that those who pass away do not suffer. They have simply finished a journey that we all must begin and complete. She has now found safety and reached immortality.

Be it hereby resolved that we, the members of the American Bridge Association, Inc., acknowledge that although our hearts are saddened, we will remember the joy and brightness of our fellow member—we will never forget the sincerity of her smile, the delight of her charm, the appreciation of her humor, and the honor of our lives being enhanced by the utmost pleasure of having known her.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to her family, a copy be sent to the Southwestern Section, the Metropolitan Bridge Unit, and that a copy be placed in the Archives of the American Bridge Association, Inc. May all find comfort in knowing that we care and share your great loss and will always lovingly remember *Lela Wilson*.

