

RESOLUTION

The members of the American Bridge Association (ABA) were greatly sorrowful to receive the news of the demise of one of our faithful bridge player, on September 10, 2014, in the person of

Janice Van Buren

Whereas, Janice was a dedicated and faithful member of the ABA for over 45 years, she was also a servant, having worked in many leadership capacities, the most recent being the National Vice President, the Midwestern Section Vice President, as well as the ABA Leadership Liaison, and a Certified Bridge Director,

Whereas, Janice Van Buren lived and worked in St. Louis, in the Midwestern Section, and served as the Web Site Liaison, the New Players Liaison, President of the local bridge unit, Certified Bridge Instructor, Staff Development Chair and Point Coordinator,

Whereas, Janice was a formidable bridge player, amassing over 10,000 points, in between the times she was not negotiating problems, making decisions and communicating ABA procedure and policy where necessary, she was strongly committed to the recruitment and retention of members through educational programs; accountability of Executive Board to the total membership; financial stability and strong implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy,

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 us and the American Bridge Association. Surely and sorely 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 found freedom from the chains and pains of life. She has found safety and reached immortality.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to her family, a copy be sent to the Midwestern Bridge Section, the Greater St. Louis Bridge Council, 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 Janice, one so important to so many.

Respectfully submitted by the American Bridge Association on this 12th day of September, 2014.

George Hudson, ABA National President