RESOLUTION 25/04/25

On this twenty-Fourth Day of April, 2025—in the spirit of “The Great Whereas” and driven by haste and the urgency of being on time for the coming celebration—I do hereby submit for consideration, by all who will read or hear, the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Friday, April 25, 2025, marks what is generally understood to be the diamond or perhaps what some might recognize as the “platinum” anniversary of the birth of one Karen Jean Sharp Chandler McDonald, hereinafter referred to simply as “Karen” unless otherwise noted, and also known occasionally and affectionately as “Babbie” or “The Bab”; and

WHEREAS, Karen’s life has, from its beginning, been fueled, inspired and guided by music in its many expressions and manifestations—listening, sharing, studying, performing, and seeking music in all things; and

WHEREAS, Karen’s life itself stands much like an epic piece of music—a suite containing many melodies and rhythms, reflecting such beautiful and complex themes as a passion for basic justice and opportunity for those long oppressed and denied; a voracious appetite for literature; enthusiasm for the benefits and challenges of technology; a growing taste for the preparation and enjoyment of satisfying food; and many generous expressions of nurturing love as a friend, mother, grandmother, and wife; and

WHEREAS, the “music” of Karen’s life brings joy, comfort, direction, encouragement, and love into more lives than she will ever know: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by all who know and care that April 25, 2025, be proclaimed, recognized, and celebrated as Bab Friday and that subsequent days be duly observed as BabFest for as many days as the energy and spirit of the event feel appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriate celebrations of Bab Friday and BabFest might include but not necessarily be limited to recalling and recognizing the role(s) that Karen might have played in your life; singing, playing, or listening to one of her favorite songs; promising yourself to read a book in her honor; reaching out to her with a card, letter, phone call, text, email, or Facebook message; making a commitment to the just cause of your choice; or enjoying a hamburger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Karen’s memories of Bab Friday, 2025, remain as precious as the stone that symbolizes the occasion.