



THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

Resolution Honoring Patti McGee

Upon Her Retirement from the Garden Conservancy Board of Directors

WHEREAS, Evelyn M. McGee, better known as Patti, was asked by Frank Cabot to join his Advisory Committee in 1989 to help determine the mission and shape the programs of a new organization, the Garden Conservancy;

WHEREAS, Patti McGee has continued to be involved in nurturing the growth of the Garden Conservancy in countless ways, including joining our Board of Directors in 1991;

WHEREAS, Patti McGee served five years as chair of our project selection committee, participated on the Long Range Planning Committee, helped to expand our Open Days program, and served in many other critical leadership capacities;

WHEREAS, Patti McGee played a central role in hosting our tenth anniversary celebration in Charleston in 1999;

WHEREAS, Patti McGee's extensive knowledge of the history of American gardens and her passionate conviction of their importance was instrumental in the Conservancy's work to preserve the gardens of Elizabeth Lawrence and Pearl Fryar, among others, and greatly enhanced the experience of participants on many of our garden-study tours;

WHEREAS, Patti McGee, an avid and consummate gardener herself, worked side by side during her tenure with volunteers and staff at Garden Conservancy preservation gardens, especially in the Southeast;

WHEREAS, Patti McGee and her husband, Peter, contributed to the Anne and Frank Cabot Fund for Project Gardens and boosted our capital campaign with a generous bequest in their wills, ensuring that their shared advocacy of preserving exceptional gardens will continue well into the future;

WHEREAS, Patti and Peter McGee generously opened the gates of their own garden to visitors and garden groups, including as part of our Open Days program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Garden Conservancy that it is a great pleasure to recognize the significant contributions Patti McGee has made to the Garden Conservancy, to name her a Director Emerita, and to convey our best wishes to both Patti and Peter for continued success, happiness, good health, and good gardening;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and that a copy be sent to Patti McGee to share with her family and friends.

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