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RESOLUTION OF THE BROOKLINE SELECT BOARD COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF CHIUNE SUGIHARA THE JAPANESE CONSUL TO LITHUANIA WHO SAVED OVER 2000 JEWISH FAMILIES IN 1941

WHEREAS, Japan's Consul to Lithuania, Chiune Sugihara, at great jeopardy to himself, issued over 2000 visas to Jewish families in Lithuania (over 6000 Jews) in the spring and summer of 1941 to facilitate passage of those Jews to Tsuruga, Japan; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Lithuania declared that year as "The Year of Chiune Sugihara" in his honor; and

WHEREAS, today, the estimated number of descendants of those who received "Sugihara visas" ranges from 40,000 and 100,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Consul Sugihara epitomized the teachings of the Abrahamic religious traditions that if you save one life, it is as if you have saved the world; and

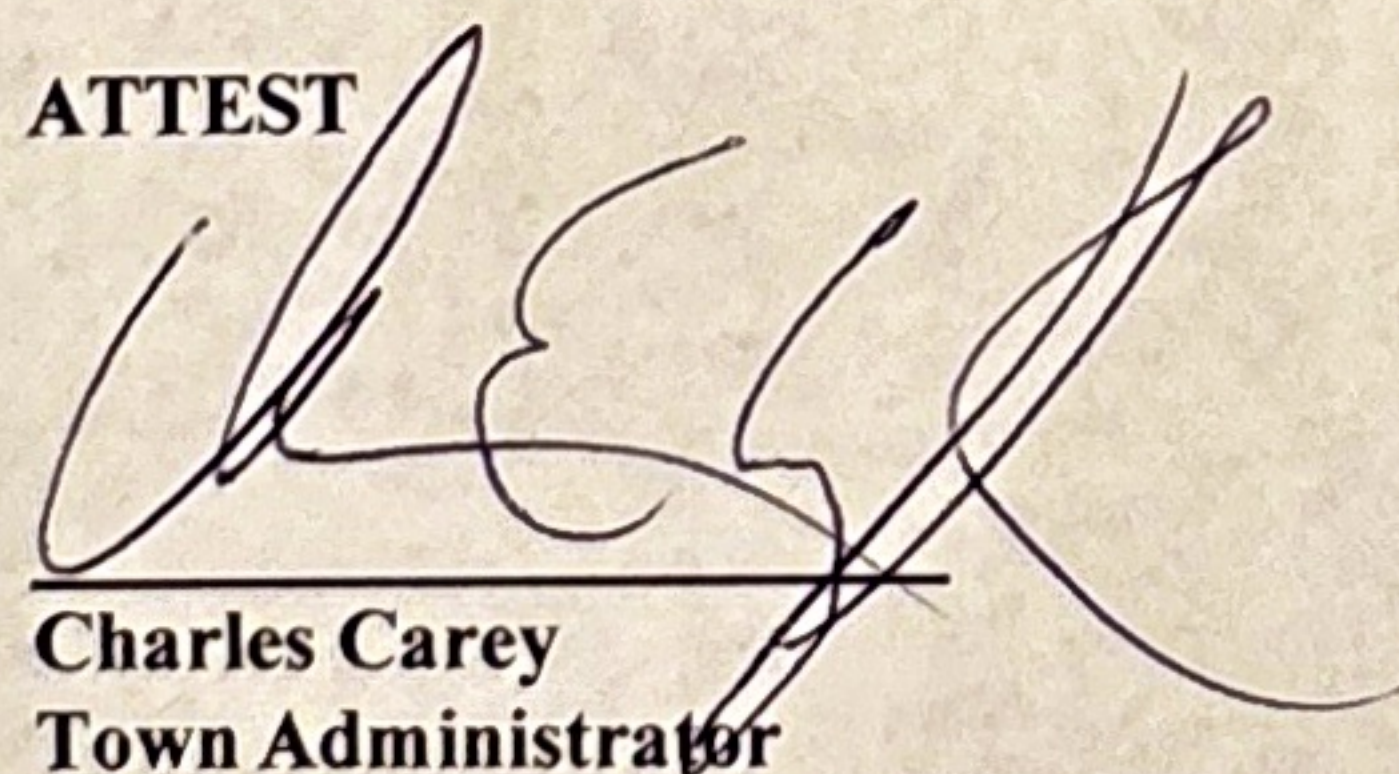
WHEREAS, the Jewish and Japanese communities of the Town of Brookline have hosted celebrations of the heroism and righteousness of the Consul Chiune Sugihara, initiated by Samuil Manski, who was a member of Temple Emeth of South Brookline; and

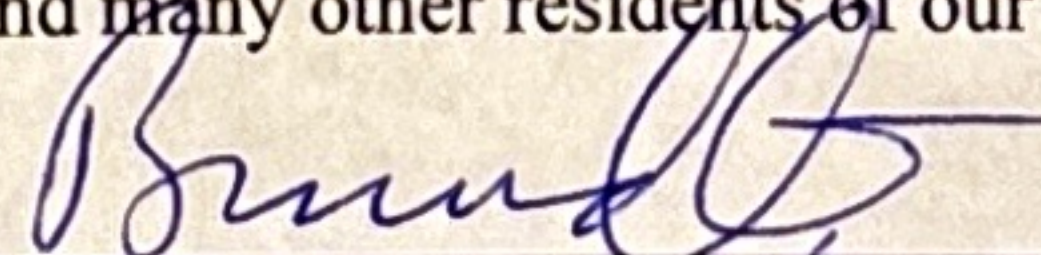
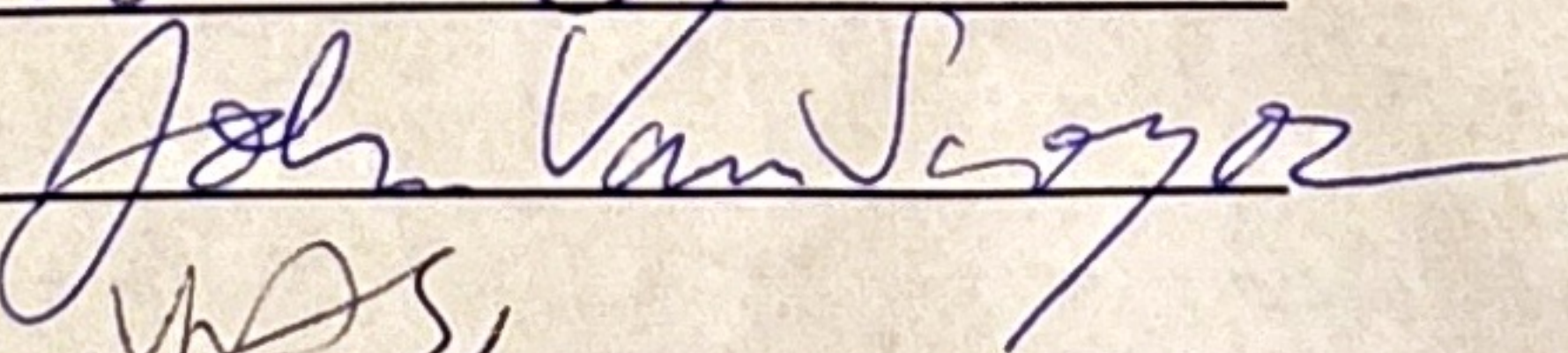
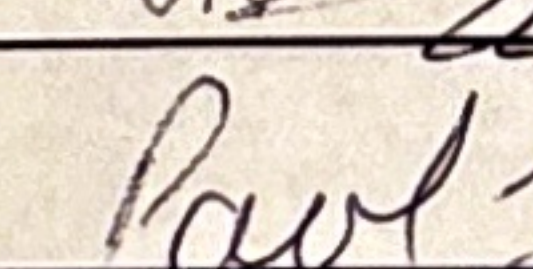
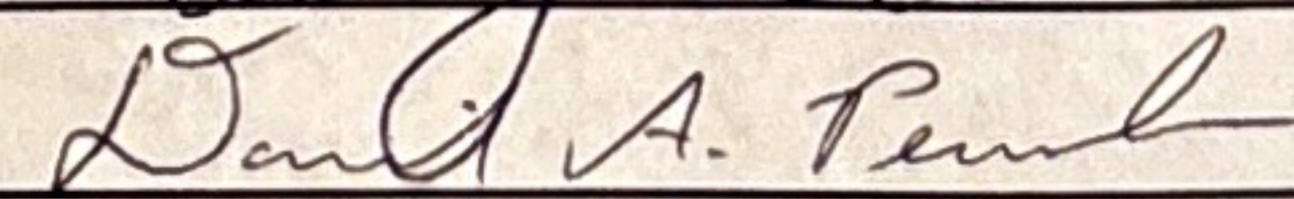
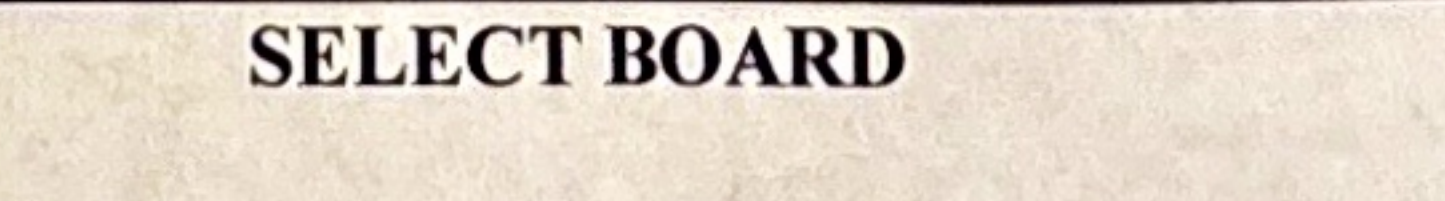
WHEREAS, the Consul General of Japan to New England is facilitating a lecture at Temple Emeth by Sugihara historian Professor Chiharu Inaba of Meijo University in Nagoya, Japan, on April 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a monument celebrating the heroism of Chiune Sugihara located at Temple Emeth in South Brookline is recognized worldwide and has been visited by the many descendants of the Jewish people saved by Chiune Sugihara.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Select Board of the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts does hereby declare Monday, April 7, 2025 as a day of remembrance for Japanese Consul Chiune Sugihara, honored as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust and also honored by Brookline's Japanese and Jewish communities and many other residents of our Town.

ATTEST


Charles Carey
Town Administrator






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