

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This statement will serve to commend to you Emma Mae Vilardi for whom I have the greatest respect both personally and professionally.

Mrs. Vilardi is an expert researcher, genealogist, advocate of individual and human rights, and has assisted thousands of adoptees and others in their search for their origins and heritage. She is also a fine human being with unlimited energy and perserverance as she goes about her work in assisting persons from all over the United States and many foreign countries.

Perhaps the most important attribute Mrs. Vilardi possesses is her integrity and belief in the dignity of the individual. For her, the search is not just a procedure. It is a goal to be achieved in order that persons might be free of pain and suffering and achieve a self realization not otherwise possible.

As director and founder of the International Soundex Registry she has lead the way for hundreds of organizations and individuals in this country and abroad to achieve access to information that would not otherwise be possible.

Mrs. Vilardi leads an annual workshop in the San Francisco Bay area and others around the country as part of her committment to the training and development of others. She is an expert workshop leader and skill professional in the presentation of information, guidance, and insight to all those seeking assistance.



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