

National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution  
Honoring the Life, Legacy, and Contribution of  
former U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright



**WHEREAS**, Madeline Jana Korbel Albright, a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, was born on May 15, 1937, and passed away on March 23, 2022 in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Albright served as a Democratic Party foreign policy advisor in 1984, briefing Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate Geraldine Ferraro and in 1988, briefing Democratic Presidential Candidate Michael Dukakis; in 1993, she was appointed by then-President Bill Clinton as the United Nations Ambassador, a cabinet-level position; and in 1997, when she was appointed as the 64<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of State, she became the first woman U.S. Secretary of State and the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government, at the time of her appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, “Her story was America’s story. She loved to speak about America as the indispensable nation,” President Biden said. “To her, the phrase was never a statement of arrogance. It was about gratitude for all this country made possible for her. It was a testament to her belief in the endless possibilities that only America could help unlock around the world and her true understanding of what American power could achieve when it is united with and motivated by enduring American values,” said President Biden.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Federation of Democratic Women honors the life, legacy, and contribution of Secretary Madeline Albright. “We must heed the wisdom of her life and the cause of her public service, stand up to dictators and demagogues--from the battlefields of Ukraine to the halls of our own capital; defend democracy at home just as vigorously as we do abroad; live up to the ideals of the country that welcomed an 11-year-old refugee sailing into New York Harbor on a ship called *SS America* and made her Secretary of State,” said former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

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