

Remarks

Gloria Garafulich-Grabois

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Dear Ms. Branka, Honorable Mayor of Nerezisca, Director of the Gallery of Nerezisca and friends,

On behalf of the Garafulic family in Chile, especially my cousins Maria Paz, Boris and Juan Pablo, please receive our warm greetings and appreciation for this wonderful gesture to honor a Lily Garafulic, a great Chilean Croatian woman and artist in the city of our ancestors on the day we celebrate her centenary.

Our family left Croatia over 100 years ago --they made not only a living but a life in Chile, a country that welcomed them with open arms but throughout the years we have always been keenly and proudly aware of our important Croatian roots. Most of us have not had the privilege to visit Croatia but we hope to do it in the near future to meet you and to thank you in person and to walk the roads of our grandfathers.

The love Croatians in Chile feel for the motherland and Croatia for us is manifested in every way today, when we honor Lily Garafulic across the world but with one heart.

We cannot think of a better way to honor Lily who is now the link that joins us together with our past generations.

We would like to thank Ambassador Milenica and most especially Ms. Renee Ivin from the Embassy of Chile in Croatia and Ms. Branka Bezic for organizing this event.

We are moved by this gesture. Thank you!

Draga Gospođo Branka, Poštovani Gradonačelnik Nerežišća, ravnatelj Galerije Nerežišća i prijatelji.

U ime obitelji Garafulić u Čileu , posebno moji rođaci Maria Paz, Boris i Juan Pablo , molimo vas da primite naše tople pozdrave i zahvalnost za ovu predivnu gestu u čast Lily Garafulic - velike Čileansko Hrvatske žene i umjetnice, u gradu naših predaka na dan kada slavimo njezinu stogodišnjicu .

Naša obitelj je napustila Hrvatsku prije više od 100 godina i oni ne samo da su našli kruh već i život u Čileu - zemlji koja ih dočekala raširenih ruku: ali tijekom svih tih godina mi smo uvijek bili svesni i ponosni na naše hrvatsko porijeklo . Većina od nas nisu imali privilegiju da posjete Hrvatsku , ali se nadamo da ćemo to učiniti u bliskoj budućnosti kako bi vas upoznali, da vam kažemo hvala i da zajedno hodamo putovima naših djedova .

Ljubav koju Hrvati u Čileu osjećaju za domovinu i Hrvatsku vidi se najbolje sada kada dajemo počast Lily Garafulic diljem svijeta ali sa ujedinjenim srcem.

Mi ne možemo zamisliti bolji način da se da čast Lily koja je sada naša veza sa prošlim generacijama .

Željeli bismo zahvaliti veleposlaniku a posebno gospođi Renee Ivin iz Veleposlanstva Čilea u Hrvatskoj i Gospođi Branki za organizaciju ovog događaja .

Mi smo dirnuti ovom gestom . Hvala vam !