



General Assembly

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Introduced by:

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Resolution Honoring Senator Dell Eads.

Resolved by the Senate:

1 WHEREAS, Senator Dell Eads represents the thirtieth senatorial
2 district, which covers the largest area of any legislative district in the
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Eads served two terms in the House of
5 Representatives, from 1977 to 1981; and

6 WHEREAS, she was first elected to the Senate in 1981, and has
7 served in this chamber for 20 years; and

8 WHEREAS, as Senate Chair of the Education Committee in 1985
9 and 1986, she worked to secure the passage of the Education
10 Enhancement Act of 1986; and

11 WHEREAS, in her first term as Senate Republican Leader, she met
12 and negotiated tirelessly during the regular and special sessions of
13 1991, to resolve a budget shortfall of crisis proportions, with meetings

14 extending until dawn and special sessions extending far beyond the
15 usual June adjournment; and

16 WHEREAS, she has served as Senate Republican leader since 1991,
17 making her the legislative leader with the longest tenure in the history
18 of the General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, she served as Senate President Pro Tempore in 1995
20 and 1996; and

21 WHEREAS, she now serves as the Senate Chair of the Select
22 Committee on Children, the only nonmajority member of the General
23 Assembly ever to receive such an appointment; and

24 WHEREAS, she has moved easily for more than twenty years from
25 the issues confronting the local boards and commissions of the fifteen
26 towns in her Litchfield County district to those addressed on a state-
27 wide level in the legislative hearing rooms and chambers of the
28 Capitol; and

29 WHEREAS, she has traveled the winding, wintry, country roads
30 that lie between Kent and Hartford since 1977, with hardly an
31 untoward incident; and

32 WHEREAS, she has always enjoyed the goodwill and respect of her
33 colleagues: House and Senate, Republican and Democrat alike.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the State
35 of Connecticut hereby honors Senator Dell Eads for her twenty-four
36 years of service to the General Assembly; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of her tenth year
38 as the Senate Republican Leader, the longest serving legislative leader
39 in the history of the General Assembly, we pay homage to her
40 superlative career in public service.