



General Assembly

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Introduced by:

REP. LYONS, 146th Dist.
REP. PUDLIN, 24th Dist.
REP. WARD, 86th Dist.
REP. DILLON, 92nd Dist.
REP. DYSON, 94th Dist.
REP. MARTINEZ, 95th Dist.
REP. STAPLES, 96th Dist.

REP. MEGNA, 97th Dist.
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SEN. JEPSEN, 27th Dist.
SEN. DELUCA, 32nd Dist.
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF STATE
REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD C. SCPIO.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, Howard C. Scpio of New Haven died on April 30,
2 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a State Representative, representing the people
4 of the city of New Haven in the 93rd district, from 1993 until the time
5 of his death; and

6 WHEREAS, he was Assistant Majority Leader of the House of
7 Representatives, and, over the years, had chaired the Internship
8 Committee, which plays a critical role in the meaningful civic
9 education of young people who are future leaders in this State, and

10 served on the Joint Standing Committees on Finance, Revenue and
11 Bonding, Energy and Technology, and General Law, and the Select
12 Committees on Aging, Housing, and Workforce Development; and

13 WHEREAS, he was honored with an appointment to the Council of
14 State Governments for his years of dedication to the people of the State
15 of Connecticut; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a quiet, gentle, beloved man with a special
17 passion for the City of New Haven, and provided a dedicated and
18 committed voice for the people of New Haven, earning the respect and
19 affection of his colleagues in both the House of Representatives and
20 the Senate for his commitment, the depth of his professionalism, and
21 his dignity and grace; and

22 WHEREAS, as stated by Speaker of the House of Representatives,
23 Moira Lyons, "He took care of the people he loved and dedicated his
24 service to promoting justice and fairness. He was exactly the type of
25 legislator that the founding fathers envisioned when they created a
26 citizen legislature"; and

27 WHEREAS, he supported and worked tirelessly for New Haven
28 development projects, including affordable housing and building
29 expansion at Southern Connecticut State University and was
30 instrumental in securing funding for the successful renovation of
31 Florence Virtues Housing and for a playground at the Martin Luther
32 King School; and

33 WHEREAS, in championing elderly as well as children's causes and
34 environmental protection, he was adamant about increased funding
35 for seniors and received an award for his work as Treasurer of the
36 New England Executive Board of Children in Placement; and

37 WHEREAS, he was born on December 2, 1921, and attended the
38 University of Bridgeport; and

39 WHEREAS, from 1942 through 1945, he served as a sergeant in the

40 United States Army Eight Air Forces during World War II, taking part
41 in the invasion of Normandy; and

42 WHEREAS, he was a retired executive with Southern New England
43 Telephone Company, as well as a mortgage broker; and

44 WHEREAS, a resident of New Haven for more than 35 years, he
45 served on the New Haven Tax Review Board and the Civil
46 Preparedness Commission; and

47 WHEREAS, he served on the board of directors of the YMCA, was
48 an active member of Trinity Church on the Green, and had been a
49 troop leader for the Boy Scouts of America and the Council of New
50 Haven; and

51 WHEREAS, always active in organizations in which he believed, he
52 was a 30-year member of the Ashanti Club, and also was a member of
53 the Masons, UNICEF, the Freedom Foundation, the NAACP, the
54 Greater New Haven Jewish Community Center, and the Quinnipiac
55 Club; and

56 WHEREAS, having been predeceased by his wife, Pauline Moore,
57 he leaves behind two daughters, Holly Beth Scipio and Sondra Scipio;
58 three grandchildren, Jennifer, Kristina, and Pauline; three great
59 grandchildren, Cheyenne, Dwayne, and Santino; and a sister,
60 Rosemary Scipio Bishop; as well as many beloved friends and
61 relatives.

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the
63 Connecticut General Assembly express their sincere and heartfelt
64 condolences on the passing of Howard C. Scipio, whose death is a
65 profound loss to the people of New Haven and to the State of
66 Connecticut; and

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
68 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the family
69 of Howard C. Scipio as an expression of the high esteem and great

70 affection in which the members of the Connecticut General Assembly
71 held him.