



General Assembly

**Senate Resolution No.
102**

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Introduced by:

SEN. DELUCA, 32nd Dist.

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SENATOR STEPHEN R. SOMMA
ON FOURTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE.**

Resolved by the Senate:

1 WHEREAS, Senator Stephen R. Somma has ably represented the
2 sixteenth senatorial district, for fourteen years; and

3 WHEREAS, he helped to deliver hundreds of millions of dollars to
4 the city of Waterbury, including funds for the Rotella Magnet School,
5 the Muriel Moore Child Care Center, the Palace Theater, the Arts
6 Magnet School and the UCONN relocation; and

7 WHEREAS, as a member of the Commerce Committee where he
8 currently serves as ranking member, Senator Somma has often been
9 identified with his creative initiatives promoting business; and

10 WHEREAS, he helped alleviate the well contamination and water
11 shortage problem that had plagued the Clinton Hill area in Wolcott for
12 years, helped obtain financing for the planning, design and
13 construction of various public water system improvements around

14 Hitchcock Lake, and secured funds for numerous expansions of the
15 Baseball Association of Wolcott; and

16 WHEREAS, when a PCB spill closed down Southington High
17 School last year, he led a Senate effort to secure two million dollars in
18 state funding to reimburse the town for the extensive cleanup that was
19 required; and

20 WHEREAS, he assisted the Renaissance Project for Downtown,
21 Plantsville, Marion, and Milldale in obtaining state funds; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a member of the political science department at
23 Teikyo Post University; and

24 WHEREAS, he championed legislation that allows municipalities to
25 create "Information Technology Zones", by reducing or abating
26 property taxes in such areas for existing information technology-based
27 companies, thereby encouraging other such companies to locate in the
28 sixteenth district and throughout Connecticut; and

29 WHEREAS, he proudly maintains his membership in a number of
30 community organizations, among them the Bucks Hill Community
31 Club, the East End Community Club, the Waterbury Jaycees, the Sons
32 of Italy, and the UNICO Italian-American Club; and

33 WHEREAS, he has lived in Waterbury his entire life and currently
34 resides in the Bucks Hill section of the Brass City; and

35 WHEREAS, he has always enjoyed the good will and respect of his
36 own caucus and of those of the other houses, House and Senate,
37 Republican and Democrat.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the State
39 of Connecticut hereby honors Senator Stephen R. Somma for his
40 service to the General Assembly; and

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of his retirement

42 from the Senate, we pay homage to his dedication and commitment to
43 the people of Connecticut.