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Introduced by:

REP. LYONS, 146th Dist.

REP. AMANN, 118th Dist.

REP. WARD, 86th Dist.

REP. CARSON, 108th Dist.

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF M.
ADELA EADS OF KENT.**

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, Tuesday, July 8, 2003, was a day of sadness for the State
2 of Connecticut when former state senator and representative Dell Eads
3 died at Sharon Hospital; and

4 WHEREAS, she was born Mary Adela Diaz in Brooklyn, New York,
5 on March 2, 1920, to Edith (Gilmour) Diaz and Manuel Diaz; and

6 WHEREAS, she was the widow of G. Vernon Eads, whom she
7 married in 1942; and

8 WHEREAS, she is survived by two sons, Manuel D. "Skip" Eads of
9 Kent, and Gregory M. Eads, also of Kent; a brother, Manuel "Mike"
10 Diaz of Virginia; and five grandsons; and

11 WHEREAS, she was a graduate of Sweet Briar College and the

12 Katherine Gibbs School, former Trustee of Sharon Hospital and the
13 Marvelwood School, an avid supporter of the Connecticut Junior
14 Republic, a partner in her husband's drop forge equipment business,
15 and began her career in politics on the Kent Board of Education, where
16 she served for 26 years, and on the Region One Board of Education,
17 both of which she chaired; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Dell Eads represented the towns of Canaan,
19 Cornwall, Goshen, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Milford,
20 North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Sherman, Torrington, Warren, and
21 Washington and their people; and

22 WHEREAS, she served two terms in the House of Representatives
23 and ten terms in the Senate, served as Senate Republican leader for ten
24 years, longer than any leader in the history of the General Assembly,
25 and served as Senate President Pro Tempore in 1995 and 1996; and

26 WHEREAS, as Senate Chair of the Education Committee in 1985
27 and 1986, she worked to secure the passage of the Education
28 Enhancement Act of 1986; and

29 WHEREAS, she fought for the Torrington Branch of the University
30 of Connecticut, the Litchfield Judicial District Courthouse, and was the
31 guiding force in the creation of the Office of the Child Advocate; and

32 WHEREAS, she has always enjoyed the goodwill and respect of her
33 colleagues, House and Senate, Republican and Democrat, because of
34 her honesty, directness and wit.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the
36 Connecticut General Assembly honor and remember Dell Eads with
37 respect and affection, and express their sincere and heartfelt
38 condolences on her death, which is a profound loss to the people of the
39 State of Connecticut; and

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
41 presented to the family of M. Adela (Dell) Eads as an expression of the

42 respect, affection, and high esteem in which she was held.