



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:

REP. AMANN, 118<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. WILLIAMS, 29<sup>th</sup> Dist.

REP. DONOVAN, 84<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. LOONEY, 11<sup>th</sup> Dist.

REP. WARD, 86<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. DELUCA, 32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

REP. BOUCHER, 143<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

SEN. FREEDMAN, 26<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF  
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN F. MANNIX.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 WHEREAS, John F. Mannix died on December 29, 2005; and
- 2 WHEREAS, he was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1930; and
- 3 WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-six he purchased the Chevrolet
- 4 franchise in Wilton and owned Wilton Motors Corporations for nearly
- 5 fifty years until his death; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Town of Wilton Board of Finance
- 7 from 1962 to 1967 and to the Board of Selectman from 1967 to 1972;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was elected a State Representative in 1973 due to his
- 10 passion and commitment to the constituents of the State of Connecticut

11 and served for ten years, representing the 143rd House District, which  
12 includes Wilton and North New Canaan; and

13 WHEREAS, in his first nine years as a State Representative, he  
14 served on the Appropriations Committee and as a ranking member  
15 from 1970 to 1980 and from 1983 to 1992 he served on the State Board  
16 of Education and as Chairman from 1990 to 1992; and

17 WHEREAS, while serving on the Appropriations Committee, he  
18 was instrumental in a substantial revision of the Connecticut State  
19 Properties Review Board, by helping to uncover a leasing scandal; and

20 WHEREAS, for three consecutive terms, he was honored as one of  
21 Connecticut's top ten legislators by a *Connecticut Magazine* poll, and in  
22 1974 was recognized by the Eagleton Foundation as one of the fifty  
23 outstanding legislators in the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, in his dedication to educational concerns, he served on  
25 the Board of Directors for a Native American school in Thoreau, New  
26 Mexico, and created a scholarship fund at the College at Holy Cross,  
27 his alma mater, for minority students from Connecticut; and

28 WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly in support of the much divided  
29 and unpopular issue of equal financing for inner-city schools and he  
30 was an active participant in many community projects, including  
31 Project Concern in Wilton, which was responsible for bringing inner-  
32 city school children to suburban schools; and

33 WHEREAS, his leadership responsibilities extended beyond his role  
34 as a State Representative to include both the Board of Trustees for Our  
35 Lady of Fatima Church in Wilton and the Norwalk Hospital; and

36 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Helen  
37 Ward Sperry Mannix, and their eight children, John F. Mannix, Jr., of  
38 Wilton; Helen W. Mannix, of Hull, Massachusetts; Mary M. DeBlois, of  
39 Sherborn, Massachusetts; Catherine J. Mannix, of Redding; Sheila A.  
40 Mannix, of Long Grove, Illinois; Lawrence S. Mannix, of Wilton; Aileen

41 T. Mannix, of Washington, D.C.; and James H. Mannix, of Wilton; and  
42 fifteen grandchildren; as well as many beloved friends and relatives.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the  
44 Connecticut General Assembly express their sincere and heartfelt  
45 condolences on the passing of John F. Mannix, whose death is a sincere  
46 loss to the people of Wilton and North New Canaan and to the State of  
47 Connecticut; and

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of  
49 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the family  
50 of John F. Mannix as an expression of the high esteem and great  
51 affection in which the members of the Connecticut General Assembly  
52 held him.