



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:

REP. DONOVAN, 84th Dist.
REP. SHARKEY, 88th Dist.
REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.
REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd Dist.
REP. HWANG, 134th Dist.

SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th Dist.
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.
SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th Dist.
REP. FAWCETT, 133rd Dist.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF CARL JOSEPH DICKMAN.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 30, 2011, the State of Connecticut
2 lost one of its distinguished former state representatives with the
3 passing of Carl Joseph Dickman at the age of eighty-four; and

4 WHEREAS, he served as a state lawmaker representing the town of
5 Fairfield from 1995 to 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, during his time at the General Assembly, he served as
7 House ranking member of the Executive and Legislative Nominations
8 Committee from 2003-2004; and

9 WHEREAS, before serving in the General Assembly, he served
10 Fairfield as its Parliamentarian, as Chairman of the Water Pollution

11 Control Authority from 1980 to 1994, as a selectmen from 1977 to 1993,
12 and as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

13 WHEREAS, he received the "Fairfielder of the Year" award in 2004;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he further engaged in public service as Chairman of the
16 Fourth Congressional Republican Organization from 1974 to 1977, and
17 as a member of the Republican State Central Committee from 1970 to
18 1976; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a trustworthy, convivial gentleman, and a
20 passionate legislator, admired by colleagues and respected on both
21 sides of the aisle; and

22 WHEREAS, he was an optimistic, but pragmatic and persuasive
23 advocate for Fairfield; and

24 WHEREAS, he advised and mentored a generation of legislators,
25 town officials and employees and outside advocates; and

26 WHEREAS, he was an expert at managing the rules and intricacies
27 of lawmaking, helping newcomers to town politics to understand
28 parliamentary procedure with his tutorials; and

29 WHEREAS, he was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, son of the
30 late Ernest and Mary E. Dickman, raised in neighboring Rockport,
31 Massachusetts, and graduated from Rockport High School in 1944; and

32 WHEREAS, he served his country in the United States Navy for
33 three years after high school and answered the call to active duty
34 during the Korean War; and

35 WHEREAS, he graduated in 1956 from the University of Bridgeport,
36 where he majored in biology and met his future wife, the late Grace
37 "Gertie" K. Raveis; and

38 WHEREAS, he screened patients for cancer as a cytologist, and was

39 a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and a co-
40 owner of Fairfield Cytology Lab, in Bridgeport; and

41 WHEREAS, he was a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus,
42 Father Coleman Council and the Monsignor William Blake General
43 Assembly of Fairfield; and

44 WHEREAS, he was an avid golfer, serving as President and Vice-
45 President of the H. Smith Richardson Golf Club and, for two terms, as
46 President of the New England Public Golf Association; and

47 WHEREAS, he was devoted to God, serving as a lector and an usher
48 at his longtime parish, St. Emery's Church; and

49 WHEREAS, he loved his family, serving the town of Fairfield and
50 its constituents, and the Boston Red Sox; and

51 WHEREAS, he is survived by his and "Gertie" Dickman's two
52 daughters, Doctor Kathleen Dickman, of Stony Brook, NY, and
53 Maureen Dickman, of Fairfield, CT.

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
55 General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt
56 condolences on the passing of Carl Dickman, whose death is a
57 profound loss to the General Assembly, his family and friends, the
58 town of Fairfield and the State of Connecticut; and

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and the
60 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to
61 the family of Carl Dickman as an expression of the high esteem and
62 affection in which he was held.