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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF
THOMAS P. SHERIDAN.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, on Monday, July 4, 2011, the State of Connecticut lost
2 its distinguished Connecticut General Assembly Senate Clerk with the
3 passing of Thomas P. Sheridan at the age of sixty-two; and

4 WHEREAS, he served as House Clerk from 1981 to 1984 and Senate
5 Clerk from 1987 to 1994 and from 1997 to 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, he was the longest serving Senate Clerk in state history;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Tom's knowledge of procedure and his ability to keep
9 business moving in the Senate were unparalleled; and

10 WHEREAS, Tom was born in Hartford, son of the late Thomas P.
11 and Patricia Sheridan; and

12 WHEREAS, he graduated from George Penney High School in East
13 Hartford in 1967; and

14 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971,
15 where he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and received the
16 Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,
17 Good Conduct Medal, and a Presidential Unit Citation for his service;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he graduated from Manchester Community-Technical
20 College in 1973 with an Associate's Degree in business administration,
21 and was later selected as the college's commencement speaker in 1983,
22 named an "Outstanding Alumnus" by the Manchester Community-
23 Technical College Alumni Association in 1993, and honored by the
24 Board of Trustees of Community-Technical Colleges in 1995 with a
25 Board Merit Award; and

26 WHEREAS, he continued his studies at Amherst College, where he
27 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1975;

28 and

29 WHEREAS, he graduated and received his Juris Doctorate degree
30 from Suffolk University in Boston in 1978; and

31 WHEREAS, he enjoyed playing the sport of rugby and played first
32 for Amherst College, then for the Beacon Hill Rugby Football Club in
33 Boston during law school, and later for the Hartford Wanderers Rugby
34 Football Club; and

35 WHEREAS, Tom and Nancy, a nurse working at St. Francis
36 Hospital and Medical Center, were married; and

37 WHEREAS, he began his career as a practicing attorney in 1978 and
38 was a longtime partner with the law firm of Dwyer, Sheridan and
39 Fitzgerald in Glastonbury; and

40 WHEREAS, Tom and Nancy had two sons, Kevin and Brett, who
41 spent many hours at the Capitol running around as kids on legislative
42 session days, with Brett subsequently working as a sessional
43 employee; and

44 WHEREAS, Tom, Nancy and their sons were avid sailors, spending
45 many wonderful weekends cruising the waters of Block Island Sound;
46 and

47 WHEREAS, both of Tom's sons inherited many traits from their
48 father, with Kevin being a long-time, proud and responsible public
49 servant working as an Adult Probation Officer in Phoenix, Arizona
50 and Brett serving as a crew member on an ocean-going sailing vessel.
51 Kevin and Brett continue to follow in their father's footsteps with
52 Kevin recently assuming duties as a federal warrant officer for
53 Maricopa County and Brett moving soon to Alaska to earn his
54 captain's license; and

55 WHEREAS, Tom and Nancy were both known as connoisseurs of
56 fine cigars, and to the extent they had time, they visited the

57 tobacconists on the island of St. Maarten each March to pursue their
58 hobby; and

59 WHEREAS, he was involved for many years with the Glastonbury
60 Youth Football Association and later with the Glastonbury High
61 School Friends of Football organization; and

62 WHEREAS, he received the Contribution to Football Award from
63 the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for his
64 lifelong commitment to youth football; and

65 WHEREAS, having been predeceased by his parents and a brother,
66 Michael F. Sheridan, Tom is survived by his wife Nancy; his two sons,
67 Kevin and Brett; his two brothers and their spouses, Philip and
68 Kathleen Sheridan and Peter and Kimberly Sheridan; his sister-in-law,
69 Suzanne Sheridan; and many nieces.

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
71 General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt
72 condolences on the passing of Thomas P. Sheridan, whose death is a
73 profound loss to the Connecticut General Assembly, his family and
74 friends, and the State of Connecticut; and

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and the
76 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to
77 the family of Thomas P. Sheridan as an expression of the high esteem
78 and affection in which he was held.