



General Assembly

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Introduced by:

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SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.
SEN. KELLY, 21st Dist.
SEN. FORMICA, 20th Dist.
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REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.
SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd Dist.
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SEN. HWANG, 28th Dist.
SEN. KISSEL, 7th Dist.
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SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.
SEN. WITKOS, 8th Dist.

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF STATE
AUDITOR AND FORMER STATE SENATOR ROBERT J. KANE.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, on Friday, February 5, 2021, the state of Connecticut lost
2 an admired and dedicated Auditor of Public Accounts and former State
3 Senator with the passing of Robert J. Kane, at the age of fifty-three; and

4 WHEREAS, he represented the 32nd senatorial district with
5 distinction for more than nine years from 2008 through 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as an Auditor of Public Accounts from 2017
7 until the time of his passing; and

8 WHEREAS, he was born on April 30, 1967, in Waterbury,
9 Connecticut, son of the late James J. and Deana (LoRusso) Kane Sr.; and

10 WHEREAS, he was the proud father of his two children, Aidan and
11 Deana Kane; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in
13 Waterbury, Central Connecticut State University and the University of
14 New Haven; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a successful entrepreneur who opened one of the
16 first cellphone stores in Connecticut, KarTele Cellular Communications,
17 in 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, he was the past chairperson of the Watertown Town
19 Council and served as chairperson of its Finance Subcommittee and
20 founding chairperson of its Business Development Subcommittee; and

21 WHEREAS, he was first elected to serve the 32nd senatorial district
22 in a special election on January 15, 2008, representing the towns of
23 Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Oxford, Roxbury, Seymour,
24 Southbury, Washington, Watertown and Woodbury; and

25 WHEREAS, he served for four terms as a State Senator and served as
26 the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, Human Services
27 Committee and the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee,
28 and also served on the Public Health Committee; and

29 WHEREAS, he was the Deputy Minority Leader Pro Tempore,
30 Caucus chairman and served as Assistant Minority Leader and Minority
31 Whip in the Connecticut State Senate; and

32 WHEREAS, he served as chairperson of the Wolcott Street Lakewood
33 Road Business Association, president of the Professional Networking
34 Partners of Waterbury Connecticut, corporator of the Valley United
35 Way and a member of the board of directors of the Waterbury Regional
36 Chamber of Commerce; and

37 WHEREAS, he was a former board member of United Way, of the
38 Waterbury ARC, and of the Regional Workforce Investment Board; and

39 WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Waterbury Regional Chamber
40 Malcolm Baldrige Award for Volunteerism, and a recipient of the
41 Waterbury Regional Chamber Harold Webster Smith Small Business
42 Award; and

43 WHEREAS, he received the 2016 Radiological Society of Connecticut
44 Award for his leadership in advocating for preventive health care
45 services for women and access to services by all patients; and

46 WHEREAS, besides his beloved children, Aidan and Deana, he is
47 survived by his siblings Maria Kane Slavin and her husband, John,
48 Cheryl A. Kane and John Tarascio, James J. Kane Jr. and Diane S. Kane,
49 all of Waterbury, and Christopher M. Kane of Wolcott, and several
50 nieces and nephews.

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General
52 Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences on
53 the passing of one of its honorable former members, Robert J. Kane,
54 whose death is a profound loss to the Office of the Auditors of Public
55 Accounts, the State Senate, his family and friends, the residents of the
56 ten towns of the 32nd senatorial district and the entire state of
57 Connecticut; and

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