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STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY MERRILL ON SPEAKER SHARKEY'S DECISION NOT TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

HARTFORD: Secretary Merrill said, "As colleagues in the House we shared an offbeat sense of humor and a tendency to be policy wonks. Working with Brendan was fun and substantive and I was glad to see him succeed me as House Majority Leader when I became Secretary of the State. Since that time I have appreciated his support to modernize elections and business services. He will always be a good friend and valuable ally and I will miss his wisdom and sharp wit around the Capitol. Who could forget his newsletter Shark Bites or his separated at birth cartoons? I think I got off easy with a comparison to Sally Field."

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