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SECRETARY MERRILL MOURNS THE PASSING OF STATE REP. MILLER, NOTIFIES GOVERNOR MALLOY OF VACANCY IN 122ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

GOVERNOR HAS 10 DAYS TO ISSUE WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN 122ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is mourning the passing of State Representative Larry Miller of Stratford, who represented constituents in the 122nd General Assembly district. Secretary Merrill has also officially notified Governor Dannel P. Malloy of the vacancy in the 122nd district. Under state law, Governor Malloy has until June 11, 2014 to issue a Writ of Special Election to choose a successor to Representative Miller to serve constituents in the district. That special election must be held within 46 days of the issuance of the writ of Special Election.

“Many of us are very saddened by the passing of Representative Larry Miller, someone who commanded respect on both sides of the aisle and who was the very definition of a public servant,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “Even though we are sad to lose Larry, he would also be the first one to say that democracy must move forward. To that end, my office has officially notified Governor Malloy of the vacancy in the 122nd General Assembly district. Governor Malloy now has until June 11th to issue a Writ of Special Election to fill the vacancy; with that election taking place 46 days after the writ is issued.”

The 122nd General Assembly district includes the town of Shelton and parts of Trumbull and Stratford. Miller had been the endorsed Republican candidate for State Representative but withdrew his candidacy on Friday May 30, 2014. Connecticut election statute 9-428 permits Republican delegates for the 122nd district to reconvene for the purpose of endorsing a new candidate for state representative in Miller’s absence.