



**DENISE W. MERRILL**  
SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
CONNECTICUT

For Immediate Release:  
May 9, 2016

For more information:  
Patrick Gallahue: (860) 509-6255  
Cell: (860) 463-5939

- PRESS RELEASE -

## **SECRETARY MERRILL INVITES SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BLUE BOOK DEDICATION**

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is inviting the public to submit proposals for the dedication of the 2016 State Register and Manual (also known as the "Blue Book").

Secretary Merrill said, "The Blue Book is an important historical record of state government. Those recognized in the Register and Manual hold a time-honored place in state history. I am very excited to see what is proposed."

Members of the public can suggest honorees by emailing the Secretary of the State at [BlueBook@ct.gov](mailto:BlueBook@ct.gov). The public are asked to put "Blue Book Dedication" in the subject line of the email and to include a description of the proposed person or event and why it is a worthy nominee. Secretary Merrill will also request proposals via social media.

The Secretary of the State's office will accept proposals for at least one week or until a suitable list of candidates can be compiled.

The State Register and Manual is published annually by the Secretary of the State's office. The book contains the state and federal constitutions as well as an encyclopedia of demographic and political information in Connecticut and its 169 cities and towns.

This will be the 129<sup>th</sup> year that the Secretary of the State's office has published the Blue Book.

Past dedications include:

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act

- The Hartford Courant's celebration of 250 years in publication.
- The victims of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School
- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America
- Isabella Beecher Hooker, the Smith sisters, Katherine H. Hepburn, Grace Seton, Josephine Bennett, Katharine Ludington, and the countless women who fought to secure the right to vote for themselves and for those who came after them.
- AmeriCares
- Prudence Crandall
- Clare Boothe Luce, Chase Going Woodhouse, Ella Tambussi Grasso, Barbara Bailey Kennelly, Nancy Lee Johnson and Rosa L. DeLauro
- Stem Cell Scientists and Researchers at the University of Connecticut, Yale University and Wesleyan University
- Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King and The Honorable Constance Baker Motley
- Connecticut's Servicemen and Servicewomen