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## **STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY MERRILL ON THE PASSING OF REP. BETTY BOUKUS**

**Hartford:** “Betty Boukus was warm, kind-hearted and one of the best friends anyone could ask for. She was a champion for children and education. She was also the driving force in ensuring that Connecticut’s state heroine, Prudence Crandall, was properly recognized at the State Capitol. Every year, I had the honor of joining Betty for an annual ceremony celebrating Prudence Crandall and that event will live on. Betty was one of a kind. She will be missed.”

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