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SECRETARY MERRILL, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE STATE JAMES SPALLONE MOURN THE PASSING OF FORMER STATE SENATOR EILEEN DAILY

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill and Deputy Secretary of the State James Spallone today issued the following statements on the passing of longtime State Senator Eileen Daily of Westbrook, who represented the towns of 33rd state senate district.

Secretary Merrill said, “In all my years serving in the Connecticut General Assembly it is hard to describe a harder working, more compassionate or more effective legislator than Eileen Daily. We had a lot in common. She and I both came from working class Irish families who always believed in the nobility of public service. Eileen truly lived the saying that ‘to whom much is given, much is expected.’ I am so honored and proud to have partnered with Eileen on so many legislative initiatives, especially in the years we worked closely together crafting our state budget. She was a true champion for working families, for women, and for the environment in her district on Long Island Sound. And, she was my friend. I am very saddened by her passing and I will miss her dearly.”

Deputy Secretary Spallone, who also represented towns in Senator Daily’s district while a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, said:

“It was a privilege to serve the Lower Connecticut River Valley in the General Assembly with Senator Daily. Her devotion to her district was unwavering, she had command of the issues and took on difficult leadership positions. She had the gift, rare in politics, of saying a great deal with few words. Her warm personality will be missed in the 33rd District and around the state. My thoughts and prayers are with Jim and the extended Daily family.”