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SECRETARY MERRILL AWARDS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE MEDALLION POSTHUMOUSLY TO LONGTIME VERNON REGISTRAR OF VOTERS JUDI BEAUDREAU

SECRETARY OF THE STATE PRESENTS NASS MEDALLION AWARD TO
CURRENT VERNON REGISTRAR OF VOTER CHRIS PRUE AT REGISTRARS OF
VOTERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hartford – Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today awarded the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) medallion posthumously to longtime Vernon Registrar of Voters Judi Beaudreau, who passed away in October 2014 at the age of 62. Beudreau had served as Registrar in Vernon for nearly 30 years. The national award was presented to current Vernon Registrar of Voters Chris Prue, who had previously served as a deputy to Judi Beaudreau. The award was presented at the fall conference of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC) in Southbury.

“All of us in the community of election administrators will forever miss Judi Beaudreau’s tireless devotion to helping more voters participate in democracy and modernizing our elections,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections officer. “This award gives us another very special opportunity to recognize the true public servant that Judi was for more than 30 years. Judi was not only devoted to the voters in her hometown of Vernon, but she also provided key leadership to ROVAC and led training efforts for election moderators and



poll workers. Judi was also a powerful force for modernizing the voting process over the decades she was involved in elections. Judi's leadership was critical when it came to helping our state transition to new voting technology a decade ago, and helped finally bring Election Day Registration to Connecticut. In later years Judi pushed us to adopt newer technologies that would cut down on long lines at the polls on Election Day. I cannot think of a more fitting person to receive this NASS medallion award."

The NASS Medallion Award allows individual Secretaries of State to recognize outstanding service and dedication to furthering the mission of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) within the states. It was created to honor individuals, groups or organizations with an established record of promoting the goals of NASS in one or more of the following areas:

- Elections, with special emphasis on voter education and participation
- Civic education, including the teaching, promotion and study of this subject
- Service to state government, specifically as it relates to the duties of the office of the Secretary of State
- A commitment to giving – a business or individual whose philanthropic contributions have significantly enhanced the quality of life in a local or regional area within a state, or within an entire state

More information about the award can be found online at:

<http://www.nass.org/awards/nass-medallion-awards/>