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June 2, 2014

Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Governor
State Capitol
Hartford CT 06106

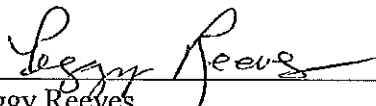
Dear Governor Malloy:

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-215, we are enclosing a copy of a notice dated June 2, 2014 from the Town Clerk of Stratford notifying us of the death of Lawrence Miller, State Representative for the 122nd Assembly District.

Our records indicate that he was elected November 6, 2012 for the term January 9, 2013 to January 7, 2015. The 122nd Assembly District consists of a portion of the towns of Shelton, Stratford, and Trumbull.

Sincerely,

Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State

By 
Peggy Reeves

Assistant to the Secretary of the State for Election,
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure

cc: James P Tracy, Executive Director
Joint Committee on Legislative Management
LOB, Room 5100
Hartford CT 06106

June 2, 2014

Office of Secretary of the State
Theodore E. Bromley
30 Trinity Street
P.O. Box 150470
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Attorney Bromley:

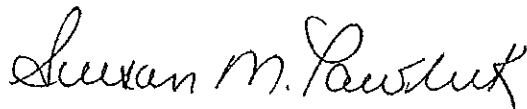
I would like to notify you of the recent passing of Representative Lawrence Miller, on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Representative Miller was the State Representative from the 122nd District.

Attached please find the following:

- A letter of withdrawal of his candidacy from the State Representative race from the 122nd District.
- A copy of the newspaper article from the Connecticut Post.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Pawluk, CCTC
Town Clerk
Enclosures



State of Connecticut
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106

REPRESENTATIVE LAWRENCE G. MILLER
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May 30, 2014

Ms. Denise Merrill

Secretary of the State of Connecticut

30 Trinity Street

Hartford, Ct. 06106

Dear Secretary Merrill:

This is to inform you that I am withdrawing from my candidacy for the State House of Representative from District 122.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Miller
c.c. Gary DeFilippo, Convention Chairman

Christopher Silhavey, Republican State Central

✓ Louis DeCilio, Stratford Republican Town Committee Chairman

Paul Lavoie, Trumbull Republican Town Committee Chairman

Stratford, Shelton, and Trumbull Town Clerks

Witness to Signature:

Print Name:

Lynn B Bemis

Position:

RN, charge nurse

St Vincent's Med Ctr

State Rep. Lawrence Miller succumbs to cancer

Ken Dixon and John Burgeson
Updated 12:30 am, Monday, June 2, 2014

Veteran state Rep. Lawrence G. Miller, of Stratford, an advocate for the environment, better housing and energy efficiency, whose final legislative victory recently acknowledged Gustave Whitehead, of Bridgeport, as the first to succeed in powered air flight, died from cancer Sunday at age 78.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy ordered state flags lowered to half-staff in honor of Miller, who fell ill this winter and missed much of the recent session of the General Assembly, to which he was first elected in 1990.

The veteran Republican lawmaker, who credited a bone-marrow transplant in the 1990s for surviving an earlier bout with cancer, was in his 11th term.

House Minority Leader Lawrence F. Cafero Jr., of Norwalk, called Miller a "consummate public servant and gentleman" who was strong and dignified while first and foremost committed to his family.

"Larry Miller was a great friend and colleague who was passionate about his job in the Legislature and the issues most dear to him," Cafero said in a statement. "He was a pleasure to be around. He was passionate about life, about his three children and his wife, Millie. He is sorely missed."

Details on services were unavailable Sunday, but colleagues remembered Miller as a great friend and tireless worker for his district.

On May 5, Miller was home ill when a resolution declaring Connecticut the site of the first powered air flight by Gustave Whitehead in 1901 was approved by the House of Representatives. The bill, which Miller sponsored in recent years, also passed the Senate and was signed into law by Malloy. At the time, lawmakers in both chambers and on both sides of the aisle praised Miller's work on the resolution.

Cafero recalled Miller had great interest in housing and economic development, as well as the environment.

While Stratford was the heart of his district, Miller also represented part of Shelton and Trumbull.

For years, he commuted to Hartford with longtime state Sen. George L. Gunther, who died in August 2012 at age 92.

State Sen. Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, who took Gunther's seat after his 2006 retirement, agreed Sunday that Miller was dedicated to serving his district.

"He brought the voice of local citizens to the State Capitol for over 20 years and always fought adamantly to improve Connecticut for all people," Kelly said in a statement. "Most recently Larry led the state in recognizing Connecticut as first in flight. His efforts resulted in the passage of a resolution this year that celebrates our state's innovative accomplishments in aviation. This legislation is now part of Larry's legacy -- a legacy that will inspire many."

"He was a trusted colleague and a friend to many in the Legislature," said Senate Minority leader John McKinney, R-Fairfield. "My heart goes out to his family. He will be missed by all."

Malloy said Miller served his constituents with "honor and distinction."

"Whether it was leading the charge to recognize Gustave Whitehead as the first in flight in our nation or advocating to enhance our state's environmental and energy policies, Larry Miller worked in a bipartisan manner to support the interests of his constituents and the citizens of Connecticut," Malloy said in a statement.

Ironically, Whitehead's Fairfield house, which he built with his own hands, was nonetheless torn down this spring by a local developer despite protests from historians and preservationists. Some said it was the equivalent of wrecking the Wright Brothers' home -- and was a potential economic loss because it might have boosted local tourism once Connecticut is fully recognized as first in flight.

Miller was a graduate of Bridgeport's Harding High School and the University of Bridgeport.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and their three adult children, John, Leslie and Andrea. Their home is in Stratford's North End.

Miller was "one of the nicest guys that you'll ever meet," said Stratford Mayor John Harkins, who served with Miller when he was part of the Stratford delegation before becoming mayor in 2009. "You never heard anyone saying anything bad about Larry Miller."

State Rep. Laura Hoydick, who serves Stratford's 120th district, said that Miller took "immense pride" in his work and referred to him as the "elder statesman" of the House.

"I would frequently ride up with him to Hartford, and I can tell you that he always took his job very seriously," Hoydick said. "He would always tell me, 'You know, this is one job in which you learn a lot of new things every day.' He was a professional in every respect."

Miller was the second sitting elected official to die in the last few days in the region

On May 24, Milford City Clerk Linda Stock died.

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