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## SECRETARY MERRILL MOURNS THE RECENT PASSING OF VERNON REGISTRAR OF VOTERS JUDI BEAUDREAU

**Hartford** – Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today issued the following statement regarding the passing of longtime Vernon Registrar of Voters Judi Beaudreau.

"All of us in the community of election administrators are very saddened by the passing of our friend and colleague Judi Beaudreau, who not only served as Registrar of Voters in Vernon, but also led the entire Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut for a time. Anyone who knew Judi, however, knows that she was much more than that. Judi was a selfless public servant, giving countless tireless hours to train hundreds if not thousands of moderators and poll workers in Connecticut. 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. More recently, Judi was also leading the way on the use electronic poll book devices to process voters more quickly and accurately on Election Day. Judi's impact on elections in Connecticut will be felt for a long time and she will truly be missed. I am hopeful that we can all work to carry out the coming election and future ones with the devotion to democracy that Judi Beaudreau embodied. My office extends its condolences to Judi's family and her many friends around the state."