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RE: Death of Rep. Gail Hamm

“Gail Hamm was a beloved, respected legislator who, early in her career, worked as The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women’s legislative director (1986-1990). Gail clearly understood how important public policy is in laying the groundwork for social justice, equality and effective government. We at the PCSW are proud to have had the privilege of working with Gail for many years, and we subsequently worked with her on some significant legislation, including that which laid the foundation for the nation’s first Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). We know her legacy lives on in the form of legislation that touched so many issues for which she had boundless passion and energy.”

About the PCSW: The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women was formed in 1973 under Sec. 46a-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes to study and improve Connecticut women’s economic security, health and safety; to promote consideration of qualified women to leadership positions and to work toward the elimination of gender discrimination. As a non-partisan arm of the General Assembly, the agency monitors, critiques and recommends changes to legislation in order to inform public policy, and assesses programs and practices in all State agencies for their effect on the state’s women. The PCSW serves as a liaison between government and its diverse constituents, and convenes stakeholders, including the business, non-profit and educational communities, local governments, and the media, in order to promote awareness of women’s issues.