

# From the Office of Senator Pam Resor

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*Dear Friend,*



*During this Holiday Season, our hopes and prayers are with all of our service men and women who are overseas, many in the Middle East. In addition to being away from their families, many Guard Members, Reservists and their families face financial hardships due to their extended activation. Along with Congressman Jim McGovern, Representative Steve LeDuc and Representative Patricia Walrath, I am proud to be sponsoring the Second Annual Holiday Open House and Toy Drive to benefit the Friends of the National Guard Families Fund, the 102<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Unit and the Massachusetts Disabled Veteran's Hospital Service Transportation Program.*

*I would appreciate your support for this worthy cause and hope you will join me for this opportunity to help Guard families cope with financial pressures resulting from extended call-up periods both in the United States and abroad. The event will be held at the Assabet Valley Technical High School from 10am-1pm on December 18, 2004. All toys collected will benefit the families of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Unit, a division of the 113th Field Artillery Brigade. One of its service units is based out of the Hudson Armory and many members reside in and around the Middlesex/Worcester District.*

*Please pass this along to any families that may benefit from this event or families and individuals that would support our efforts. If you would like more information about the event, please feel free to contact Katie Quinn in my Boston office at 617.722.1120.*

*Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and Happy Holiday season,*



*Pam*

*In addition I am re-filing the Military Family Relief Act, a bill that will create a fund to assist families of Massachusetts National Guard members and reservists who face financial hardships when a family member is called to active duty.*



## DECEMBER LEGISLATIVE SPOTLIGHT

This month's legislative spotlight is on a bill that would declare basketball the state sport. The bill was filed by Laura Mullen's third grade class from the Mulready Elementary school in Hudson. Filing this bill has provided these students a valuable opportunity to participate in the legislative process. The class chose basketball because it is the longest running championship sport in the state, Springfield, MA is home to the Basketball Hall of Fame and basketball was invented there in 1890!!

## Congratulations, Pam!!

"I am so happy that you are going to remain or state senator. I wish you a good term, you are doing a fine job and were very successful with the Longley Acres project."

Louise H. Longley  
Longley Farms

"CONGRATULATIONS... for an awesome campaign and for all your hard work, dedication and devotion to all the issues."

Elizabeth & John Maciolek  
Southborough, MA



## News from Beacon Hill...

As the current legislative session draws to a close and preparations begin for the General Court's next session, I have been working hard filing legislation that reflects the priorities of the communities and the people I serve. I am filing several pieces of legislation for the 2005-2006 session that focus on the advancement of education, affordable housing, healthcare and the environment in the Commonwealth. Some of the legislation I have filed includes:

- ***An act to promote municipal input in the development of charter schools***

This bill will require a minimum two thirds vote by the local municipal governing body prior to the development and construction of a new charter school.

- ***An act relative to phosphorous in household cleaning products***

This bill would include detergent for automatic dishwashers in the current law that limits the levels of phosphorous currently allowed in household cleaning products.

- ***An act relative to the Massachusetts turnpike***

This bill would merge the Highway Department with the Turnpike Authority and bring down the tolls west of I-495, saving many Metro West commuters toll funds.

- ***An act that aims to reform land use standards in Massachusetts***

This bill would reform the antiquated zoning laws of the Commonwealth and give municipal officials greater control over the zoning process in their cities and towns.

- ***A bill that would close a hole in the current restraining order statute***

This bill will address a dangerous gap in protection for victims of stalking, rape & criminal harassment by providing a civil remedy requiring the offender to stay away from and refrain from contacting the victim.

I am looking forward to the next legislative session and the opportunity to continue working with my colleagues in the Senate and the House to serve the people of the Commonwealth. If you have any questions about these bills or would like more information on these topics, please do not hesitate to contact my office by phone 617.722.1120 or email me at: [presor@senate.state.ma.us](mailto:presor@senate.state.ma.us)