

From the Office of Senator Pam Resor

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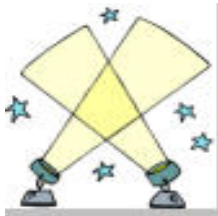
The start of a New Year brings an opportunity for reflection and as we embark upon the 184th session of the General Court, I would like to reflect on the enduring generosity of the citizens in the Middlesex & Worcester district. Your consideration and compassion for your fellow citizens was never more apparent than at the 2nd Annual Toy Drive & fundraiser we held in honor of our National Guardsmen serving overseas. I would like to thank all of you who supported this event, I am proud to serve such gracious individuals and giving communities.

I would also like to thank the Assabet Valley Technical High School, whose students and staff have allowed me to host several events there in recent months, including the Democratic State Committee meeting held on January 11, 2005.

As we continue to move forward in 2005, I am eager to work hard for you and continue this tradition of generosity. I am also certain that as the tragic Tsunami devastation in Asia, India & Thailand unfolds, we are keeping those individuals who have lost their families, friends and neighbors in our thoughts and prayers. It is these efforts that make the MetroWest area a truly wonderful place to live.

Sincerely,

Pam



January Legislative Spotlight

Every year, close to 1.5 million women and men are victims of stalking. Last year, the National Center for Victims of Crime declared January as National Stalking Awareness Month in an effort to focus attention on this serious and deadly crime. In recognition of Stalking Awareness month, this month's legislative spotlight is on a bill that addresses a dangerous loophole in the state's current stalking law.

I am proud to be the chief sponsor of this bill, which specifically adds protection to victims seeking a restraining order from perpetrators with whom they have no prior or substantive relationship. To focus attention on this serious and deadly crime, I have also sponsored a resolution recognizing January as Stalking Awareness Month here in Massachusetts. Additionally, January 20th coincides with the anniversary of the death of stalking victim Sandra Berfield of Everett, MA in whose memory "Sandy's Law" was enacted. I filed the bill, Sandy's Law that allows police to take action against people who criminally harass someone, even if they don't make overt threats.

To further raise public awareness of this issue, I am co-hosting a Press Conference on January 27th at the State House along with Senator Cynthia S. Creem, Representative Peter Koutoujian, Lt. Governor Kerry Healey and several victims rights groups including: Jane Doe, Inc., the Victims Rights Law Center and Feel Safe Again, Inc. If you would like additional information about this event please contact Ryann in my State House office at: 617.722.1120 x.24 or by email at: ryann.woodhead@state.ma.us.

Pam in the District

At the beginning of each year, I make it my practice to visit the school committees, Boards of Selectman & City Council to update them on the legislature's actions and get feedback for the coming year. This year I would like to combine these meetings with informal office hours at locations throughout the district.

Over the next several months, I will again be hosting these meetings and coffee "chats" which I feel provide me with an excellent opportunity to hear directly from you about state and local issues face to face. Please consider joining me at one of these upcoming events. A schedule of these meetings will be published on my website at: www.pamresor.com and via email ahead of time.

If you cannot attend, but would like to meet with me, I regularly schedule appointments in both of my district offices in Marlborough and Shirley as well as in my State House Office in Boston. Please feel free to call my Boston office at: 617.722.1120 or email me at: presor@senate.state.ma.us for further information.

News from Beacon Hill

Boston Red Sox World Series Trophy going on Tour

The Red Sox and the Massachusetts State Lottery recently announced a partnership that will allow the trophy to visit every city and town in the state. Red Sox President/CEO Larry Lucchino last month pledged to take the trophy to each of the 351 communities that request a visit. The Lottery is spending \$225,000 of its \$10 million annual advertising budget to sponsor the tour, said Lottery spokeswoman Eileen O'Connor.

So far, the trophy has already traveled to 10 states and the Dominican Republic. The trophy has made multiple stops in New England, including visits to 16 Massachusetts cities and towns. To date, the team has received 90 Trophy Tour requests from 66 cities and towns, including one from Littleton. Requests for trophy visits may be submitted in writing to: Colin Burch, Boston Red Sox, 4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA 02215



184th General Court Session kicks off with Swearing in Ceremony

The Legislature kicked off the 2005-2006 session last week with a formal swearing in ceremony during which newly elected House and Senate members took the official oath of service. Pictured above from left to right is: Senator Resor with Governor Mitt Romney and intern Tyler Soleau outside the Senate chamber following the ceremony; Tom Hill, Marlborough Democratic City Committee Chair, Pam and Dick Towle, Marlborough City Councilor with Pam on the Senate President's Rostrum; and Pam with Representative Jamie Eldridge.

The day included speeches from Leadership in both branches, during which the both Senate President Robert Travaglini and House Speaker Sal DiMasi indicated that over the next few months, the Beacon Hill community can expect unveilings of legislative initiatives on job creation, the restructuring and reform of government agencies and programs, on health coverage for people who don't have insurance, and on more support for "working families."