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Representative Kane maintains impressive voting record

Shrewsbury Republican casts 529 roll call votes in 2015-2016 legislative session

BOSTON—House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) congratulated State Representative Hannah E. Kane (R-Shrewsbury) for achieving an impressive voting record for the 2015-2016 legislative session. The Shrewsbury legislator participated in 529 out of 532 roll call votes cast in the House of Representatives between April of 2015 and July of 2016, a 99.44% voting record.

Representative Kane cast votes this session on a number of key policy issues including: a landmark bill that focuses on treatment, education and prevention to address this growing public health threat of opioid abuse; a statewide “Stolen Valor Act” to prosecute individuals who falsely claim to be a veteran or military honor recipient in order to fraudulently obtain money, property or other tangible benefits; an historic pay equity law designed to prevent gender-based wage discrimination in the workplace; and legislation reforming the state’s public records law for the first time in over 40 years.

In addition to supporting the implementation of rigorous public safety standards for Massachusetts-issued drivers licenses to comply with the federal REAL ID Act, the Shrewsbury lawmaker also cast votes in support of the HOME Act, a comprehensive bill that provides expanded employment protections, enhanced housing opportunities, and additional tax abatements to Massachusetts veterans; legislation expanding the procurement of offshore wind power and hydroelectric power; and a \$1.02 billion economic development bill that will help create and retain jobs in the Commonwealth and support critical infrastructure investments.

During the 2015-2016 legislative session, Representative Kane reinforced her commitment to the communities within the 11th Worcester District by voting in support of significant local aid increases. Over the last two years, Chapter 70 education aid has increased by \$227.3 million, bringing the statewide total to a record \$4.6 billion. Over the same time period, Unrestricted General Government Aid – which helps communities pay for a variety of essential municipal programs – was increased by \$76.1 million, to a total of \$1.02 billion. Representative Kane also recorded votes in support of an \$800 million municipal road and bridge bill to help cities and towns address critical infrastructure needs.

“It has been a tremendous honor to represent and advocate for Shrewsbury and precincts 4&5 of Westborough on Beacon Hill over the course of the last year and a half,” said Representative Kane. “I take great pride in working in a collegial manner with my colleagues and in being

present and prepared to discuss and debate the pending bills before the legislature during each formal session. Unfortunately, due to a family illness, I was unable to record a vote during the session in which the House of Representatives voted unanimously to pass the Municipal Modernization bill, a bill I supported wholeheartedly as it helps streamline municipal operations, provide greater financial flexibility to cities and towns, and improve the delivery of essential services at the local level during the committee process. Though I was unable to vote on the House version of the bill, I did vote in the affirmative to support the conference committee final version of the Municipal Modernization bill that was subsequently sent to the Governor in July.”

“Representative Kane is a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility and accountability to the state’s taxpayers, while effectively championing the needs of her district,” said Representative Jones. “The residents of the 11th Worcester District are very fortunate to have her representing them and fighting for their interests on Beacon Hill.”

Representative Kane currently serves on the Committees on Transportation, Public Health, Personnel and Administration, and Redistricting and was recently appointed as Minority Leader Brad Jones, Jr. designee to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council.

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