

# MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Chelsa Wagner  
Representative Bill Kortz

Re: Condolence Resolution Honoring the Life and Contributions of Rita Wilson Kane

Date: March 22, 2011

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In the near future, we will be introducing a condolence resolution honoring the life and contributions of Mrs. Rita Wilson Kane, who sadly passed away on March 11, 2011, at the age of 95.

Having served as Allegheny County Register of Wills for 32 years, Mrs. Rita Wilson Kane was a true advocate of women in politics and a shining example of what one woman can do with the ambition to succeed in a field where women were not accepted. As an adept diplomat, and an experienced politician, Mrs. Rita Wilson Kane managed to forge many long lasting relationships with some of our nation's most influential political icons including the Roosevelts and the Kennedys. Known not only for her power broking capabilities, Rita Wilson Kane was also a true public servant who was willing to "make a call" to help a person in need. As such, she was the recipient of both the prestigious Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania Award and the Art Rooney Award.

As we look around the Chamber of the House today, we see the faces of many women who were fortunate enough to choose a life of public service and find success. Thanks to pioneers such as Rita Wilson Kane, women have found their place in public service and in the political sphere both in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States. Therefore, we wish to formally acknowledge her many contributions to not just to our Commonwealth, but more importantly to that of our society.

If you wish to join us in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Johnathan Detrick via email at [jdetrick@pahouse.net](mailto:jdetrick@pahouse.net).