

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF JOY J.  
O'BRIEN**

**WHEREAS**, it is with deep regret that We, the Members of the 127th Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor the memory of the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien, who served the Senate as a dedicated public servant for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien, of Portland, former Secretary of the Senate, was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, grew up in Deering Center in Portland and graduated from Deering High School and New England College in New Hampshire; and

**WHEREAS**, she began her career working with the New Hampshire Legislature and began her over 42 years of service in Maine in 1980 when she served in the Maine Legislature's Senate Democratic Office as a special assistant; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982 she was sworn in as Secretary of the Senate, where she served with commitment and distinction until her passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. O'Brien was instrumental in the major remodeling of the Senate Chamber, and under her direction the Senate balcony was reopened for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. O'Brien served longer than any other Secretary of the Senate, and she was an excellent parliamentarian, a very skilled administrator and a respected member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; and

**WHEREAS**, she was indispensable to the workings of the Senate, relied upon by everyone, and her many years of dedicated service to the State of Maine have made a positive and lasting effect upon the Maine State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Joy J. O'Brien will be sadly missed and long remembered by her family, her friends and her colleagues at the Legislature and throughout State Government; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to pause in a moment of understanding and prayer to inscribe this token of sympathy and condolence to all who share our sorrow at the passing of the Honorable Joy J. O'Brien and to honor her memory for her many years of exemplary and loyal service to the Legislature and the State of Maine; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the family of Joy J. O'Brien with the appreciation and affection of the people of the State of Maine.