



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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### RESOLUTION

concerning

MR. J. WALTER KENNEDY

July 15, 1977

- WHEREAS, Mr. J. Walter Kennedy has departed this earthly life, and
- WHEREAS, He was the first person to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State Colleges, having been elected to that position by his fellow Trustees, and
- WHEREAS, He served as Chairman of the Board from July 1965 to January 1967 and during that critical time in the history of the Board he personally handled the correspondence and business of the Board, and
- WHEREAS, He was held in high esteem and affection by the members of the Board, and
- WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Kennedy has left the members of the Board of Trustees with deep feelings of personal loss, now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees acknowledges with gratitude the contributions made to the Connecticut State Colleges by Mr. J. Walter Kennedy and that the members of the Board express their deep sense of loss at his death, and be it
- RESOLVED, That the Trustees extend their condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and the members of the Kennedy family.

A Certified True Copy:

  
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 James A. Frost  
 Executive Director

J. Walter Kennedy - Served as the first permanent chairman of the Board of Trustees from July 30, 1965 to January, 1967.

In the early days of the Board he personally handled daily correspondence and communications.

Exhibited strong leadership

# J. Walter Kennedy

STAMFORD (AP) — The late J. Walter Kennedy, former commissioner of the National Basketball Association, was celebrated Thursday for a man of rare courage who left his legacy on the sports world and all people touched.

Kennedy, 61, who died Friday, faced the cancer that finally took his life apparently without fear, said television commentator Howard Cosell, a friend.

Although Kennedy lost the use of an eye and an ear in his life, his good eye and "ears" always open to those who needed him," Cosell said more than 900 people gathered at a funeral Mass in St. Ignace Roman Catholic Church.

Refused not to compromise his goals, Kennedy led the NBA into a "new force" in the sports world as its commissioner from 1963 and 1975, he said.

Cosell closed his eulogy with a poem that he said Kennedy usually carried and recited.

"Today, my hands are empty, but let me help you."

Walter Curtis of Stamford praised Kennedy as a man who he brought to the city of Stamford as commissioner from 1963 to 1975, to 1963 and as Special Olympics director since then.

Among the crowd of sports and political figures were former NBA Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien.

Gov. John P. DeLoach, former Kennedy aide, and the former commissioner of the Special Olympics, New York State Coach Willie Mack and Andy Robinson, executive director of the New York Giants.

Read and Robinson, long-time friends of Kennedy, delivered special readings during the Mass in Mass.

Kennedy leaves his wife, Mrs. Marion Kennedy of Stamford, and three children, David, Robert and Kathy.