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Statement

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**Statement by State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier
on the passing of Louis R. Rell on March 22, 2014**

On behalf of the Connecticut Treasury, I extend my deepest sympathies to Governor M. Jodi Rell and her family on the passing of Louis R. Rell, a loving husband, father and adoring grandfather.

Louis Rell was a devoted companion to Governor Rell throughout their 47 years of marriage and in her corner from the start. It was no secret to many that Lou was the steadfast and inspired bedrock of Governor Rell's life, most notably during her years in office. His unconditional support exemplified the strength of character and dedication that embody the values of our State and made possible the wonderful legacy he leaves.

Many of us will remember the unveiling of Governor Rell's official portrait at the State Library. Front and center was Mr. Rell, beaming proudly. That is how he will be remembered: A man who gave selflessly so that others might flourish -- family, friends, colleagues and, most of all, Governor Rell.

The citizens of Connecticut and our nation are extremely grateful to Mr. Rell for his dedicated military service as an aviator in the United States Navy. He was widely respected in his later career as a commercial airline pilot and businessman. The State has lost one of its best. He will be missed.

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