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R. E. VAN NORSTRAND, Republican, of Darien, Connecticut, was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, on January 13, 1937. He attended the Manlius School, Manlius, New York; Harvard College; the University of Connecticut, B.A. Magna Cum Laude. 1958; and the Yale Law School, LL.B., 1961. He is a partner in the law firm of Carter, Van Norstrand & Pacifico in Darien.

Active in civic affairs, he is a past member of the Board of Stewards of the First Congregational Church of Darien, a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Darien Library, Inc., a former Director of the Darien Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Stamford-Darien Bar Association and of the Connecticut Bar Association, having served on its Committee on Professional Ethics since 1968, presently as its Vice Chairman.

In the political arena, Mr. Van Norstrand has been active in Young Republican activities, being a former president and treasurer of the Darien YGOP, has served on numerous campaign committees, and is active as local coordinator for a number of candidates for higher office in the last decade.

Representative Van Norstrand commenced his governmental service in 1965 as a member of the local non-partisan Representative Town Meeting. He served on that body and was a member of the Sewer Authority Advisory Commission until 1973 when he was elected as Selectman. He continued to serve as Selectman from 1973 to 1976, when in November of 1976, in a special election, he was first elected to the General Assembly. He was elected to his second term in November, 1978, and is presently serving as House Minority Leader and a member of the Regulations Review Committee, Executive Nominations Committee, and the Legislative Management Committee. Previously he served on the Finance and Transportation Committees.

He and his wife, Linda, reside in Darien with their three children, a son, R. E. III, and daughters, Brooke and Merrylea.