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SENATOR CRISCO AND CONNECTICUT HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ANNOUNCE FIRST SET OF INDUCTEES Honors for Katharine Hepburn, Mark Twain and Igor Sikorsky

Hartford – During a special awards ceremony, the members of the Connecticut Hall of Fame Committee, **Senator Joseph Crisco (D-Woodbridge)**, and **Representatives Elizabeth “Betty” Boukus (D-Plainville)**, **Michael Caron (R-Danielson)** announced the first set of inductees to the newly established Connecticut Hall of Fame, which is located on the second floor break-out area of the Legislative Office Building.

“The objective of the Connecticut Hall of Fame is to recognize the people who have contributed significantly to the state, the nation, the world, and mankind,” said **Senator Crisco**. “We are truly blessed as a small state to have such a large number of individuals, who made so many great contributions.”

The first honoree was legendary actress Katharine Hepburn, who won four Oscars for Best Actress. The award was presented to Ellsworth Grant, her brother in law. The second honoree was Mark Twain, the great American writer and Humorist. The award was presented to Debra Petke, the Executive of the Mark Twain House & Museum. The third honoree was Igor Sikorsky, an aviation pioneer and designer of the first helicopter. The award was presented to his sons, Igor Sikorsky, Jr. and Nikolai Sikorsky.

“The Hall of Fame has been in the planning stages for four years, and today we’re starting a tradition to honor the many contributions made by people with strong ties to the State of Connecticut, who have distinguished themselves through their work and brought honor to our state,” said **Representative Boukus**.

“I want to thank **Senator Crisco**, the driving force behind this effort and Legislative Leaders for allowing us to use this space at the Legislative Office Building as the Hall of Fame,” said **Representative Caron**. “It will be open to all people, and will show the people of our state, that you don’t have to be a native of Connecticut to succeed.”

“We’re just pleased that we can recognize these individuals and place their names in gold on the wall of the Hall of Fame,” said **Senator Crisco**. “This is also about our history and education. A large number of students visit the Capitol and Legislative Office Building, and we hope to educate them about the contributions of our inductees.”