

SENATE No. 2511

Senate, May 3, 2018 - Offered by Senators Karen E. Spilka and Bruce E. Tarr relative to committing to a safe, secure and respectful workplace

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTING TO A SAFE, SECURE AND RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE.

1 WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE ACCEPTS AND ENDORSES THE
2 FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR AND THANKS THE VICTIMS AND
3 WITNESSES WHO CAME FORWARD TO PUSH US TO BECOME A BETTER
4 INSTITUTION; AND

5 WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO
6 EARN AND HONOR THE TRUST OF THE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES; AND

7 WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE THANKS THE SPECIAL
8 INVESTIGATOR AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS FOR THE CARE THEY
9 TOOK BOTH TO PROTECT WITNESS' ANONYMITY AND TO MAKE THE SPECIAL
10 INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT, IN ITS ENTIRETY, PUBLIC; AND

11 WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE ACCEPTS SENATOR
12 ROSENBERG'S RESIGNATION BECAUSE WE, AS A BODY, AGREE WITH THE
13 DECISION THAT IT IS NO LONGER APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO SERVE IN THE
14 MASSACHUSETTS SENATE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

15 RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY SAY TO VICTIMS, STAFF
16 AND ALL WHOSE LIVES WERE AFFECTED: WE ARE SORRY FOR WHAT YOU HAVE
17 BEEN THROUGH; YOU DESERVED BETTER; WE MUST DO BETTER; AND BE IT
18 FURTHER

19 RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE PLEDGES TO YOU TO
20 WORK DILIGENTLY AND SWIFTLY TO FORTIFY THE SENATE’S SYSTEMS FOR
21 PREVENTING AND INTERVENING IN HARASSMENT IN ALL ITS FORMS; AND BE IT
22 FURTHER

23 RESOLVED, THAT STAFF AND ALL THOSE WHO WALK THROUGH THE
24 STATE HOUSE DOORS MUST BE ABLE TO WORK IN CONFIDENCE THAT THESE
25 POLICIES ARE LIVED VALUES AND NOT MERE PIECES OF PAPER.