

Amelia P. Mustone was born in 1928 in Salem, Massachusetts, and moved to Meriden in February of 1960. Amelia has been a leader who was “ahead of her time”. Prior to her terms in elected office, she was active in community organizations where she was an advocate for social justice, educational equality, and the importance of a strong local government. During this time she served as President of the League of Women Voters and as a member of the NAACP. Amelia was a non-traditional student but a life-long learner. She completed her Bachelors’ degree during her service in the Connecticut Senate. She also completed prestigious leadership programs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Even after her retirement from the Connecticut Senate in 1994, she continued to be an active citizen of Meriden, working to support a number of critical local initiatives including the Augusta Curtis Center, the Meriden Democratic Town Committee, and as a volunteer with the Meriden Humane Society and the St. Mary’s Women’s Guild. Amelia was also involved in Meriden politics. She was elected to the Meriden School Board and served as its president from 1974-1978. Amelia was a pioneer on so many levels and brought great pride and prominence to the City of Meriden, while serving in the Connecticut Senate, representing the 13th District. She served eight (8) terms in the Connecticut Senate (1978 – 1994). During these years she was the Deputy Majority Leader and was a trailblazer for women in politics. Amelia was a respected member of the local and state Democratic party and often was noted for her ability to “reach across the aisle” while serving in the Senate. Amelia later became an advocate for the Arts and was a member of the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. In 1994 she was selected to co-chair the Select Committee on Children because of her strong advocacy for children’s issues. Amelia garnered national notoriety as a member of the Council of State Governments and chaired numerous national committees at the Council’s annual conventions. Some of the other public and volunteer experiences Amelia was involved in are as follows: N.E. Board of Education, past Vice chair; Connecticut Student Loan Foundation – Board member; and Meriden Junior Women’s Club – past member. During this entire time, she was also a wife, mother of seven children, grandmother of nine grand children, and an active citizen of her adopted city, Meriden. At the time of retirement, 1994, she was the longest serving woman in the Connecticut House of Representatives or the Connecticut Senate.