

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT



## RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions calling on Senator Dianne Wilkerson to resign her position as Senator from the Second Suffolk District.

*Whereas*, on October 27, 2008, criminal complaint number 08-1772-TSH, naming as defendant Dianne Wilkerson, the Senator from the Second Suffolk District, was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts; and

*Whereas*, in 1997, Senator Dianne Wilkerson pleaded guilty to and was convicted of willfully failing to file federal income tax returns, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7203 (Criminal Action No. 97-10243-EFH in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts) while serving as a Senator; and

*Whereas*, in March 1998 and July 2008, Senator Dianne Wilkerson entered into disposition agreements with the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance related to numerous violations of campaign finance laws during her 1992 and 1994 campaigns for Senate, in her 1995 annual filing and the years 2000 through 2007; and

*Whereas*, these incidents raise questions of violations of Rule 10 of the Rules of the Senate, which requires that senators avoid improper exertion of their influence as senators and avoid the appearance of same;

*Whereas*, in a letter to the Senate President dated October 30, 2008, Senator Dianne Wilkerson stated that she would abide by the decisions of the Senate; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the membership of the Massachusetts Senate does hereby request that Senator Dianne Wilkerson resign immediately her position as Senator from the Second Suffolk District.

Senate, October 30, 2008.  
Read and Adopted.

*Richard P. Hurley*, Asst. Clerk  
Acting Clerk