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## **SENATE DEMOCRATS MOURN REP. JOE CASELLO**

**Tallahassee, FL** — The Florida Senate Democrats join the Florida House, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and the friends and family of Rep. Joe Casello in mourning his passing.

**Senate Democratic Leader Lori Berman:**

“Florida has suffered a great loss today. Joe Casello was a true public servant who worked tirelessly to serve the people of Palm Beach County and the State of Florida. I couldn’t imagine having a better successor in the House, and it was my honor to work together with him on legislation to help Floridians — especially the Purple Alert system, designed to help find missing adults with mental or developmental disabilities. All of us will miss his devotion and dedication to helping people. May his memory be a blessing.”

**Senator Tina Polsky:**

“I am so saddened that we have all lost the kindest, most humble public servant. Joe and I served together for the past seven years, starting as freshmen together in the Florida House and in the Palm Beach County delegation. I will miss his warm smile, his kind words, his wonderful Massachusetts accent, and his dedication to our state. Rest in peace my friend.”

**Senator Mack Bernard:**

“In his 33 years as a firefighter and 13 years as an elected official, Joe Casello epitomized what a public servant should be. His dedication to his work and commitment to his constituents was an inspiration to us all. The world could use a lot more people like Joe, and I know that his memory will live on in the people he pledged his life to serve.”

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