Rep's wrap

State House's Dolan retires with ribbing, reverence

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That's how movers and shakers in the Farmington area chose
to describe Jan Dolan, as the
state representative was honored at a "Toast and Roast"
attended by 142 people Wednesday night at Glen Oaks Country
Club in Farmington Hills.

Dolan, who is ending her
eighth and final year in the state
House of Representatives, was
treated to accolades and a few
humorous jubs focusing on her
years of service to the communiity, which has included serving as
mayor and council member in
Farmington Hills plus many
groups and boards.

Proclamations were offered by
Farmington and Farmington
Hills, the state Legislature provided a resolution, and there was
even a Special Congressional
Recugnition by U.S. Rep. Joe
Knollenberg for "outstanding
and valuable service."

State Sen. Willis Bullard, RHighland, described Dolan as
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Dolan's legislative legacy
includes strong protection of
home rule and other important
isaues, but she was probably beat
known for something more personal — promoting "potty parity" according to Gerson Cooper,
Cooper also told of Dolan's
determination, noting how she
once rolled a wheelchair into a
subcommitte meeting as part of
the Botsford Board of Directors
just a couple days after having
hip replacement surgery in the
hospital.

Dolan's son, Gary, introduced
her family and treated the audience to a description of how his
mother developed her management style by raising four boys

who are just 4 1/2 years apart.

"She had to make sure we all cleaned up after ourselves and we all get our cookies. If that's not perfect training for the state Legislature, I don't know what is," to said.

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Tarmington Hills City Manager Dan Habbs claimed he'd asked Dolan how to tell a Democrat from a Republican—one of several speakers who cited Dolan's less-than-conservative social vot-ing record. Her "secret list" of ways to differentiate political parties included: "Democrats read most of the books banned somewhere. Republicans form censorship committees and rend them in a group."

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Soronen told about campaigning door-to-door alongside Dolan, both under the direction of Nancy Bates, Farmington Hills councilwoman, Dolan staffer and longtime friend.

On one particularly hot day of walking the neighborhoods, Soronen said, she and Dolan stopped into a McDonald's to get a cold drink without telling Bates. Suddenly, a cell phone began to ring in a briefense at another booth. "She looked at me and said, 'She's found us, we've got to get out of here,' Soronen wished Dolan "a life filled with joy and grandchildren."

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And, Cathy Webb of the Farmington school board, asked Dolan to continue her leadership: "Keep on leading the charge cause we're rendy to follow."
Webb said.
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Hat trick: Retiring state House Representative Jan Dolan receives some Minnie Pearl-style headgear from Farnington Mayor Jo Anne McShane, who suggested she wear it to judge garden shows. Many well-wishers gave the Dolan a proper send-off during Wednesday's retirement roast and toast at Glen Oaks Country Club.

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In said she was thankful for her church, friends, coworkers, fellow volunteers and family. "It's been really great. I've really enjoyed it. I have some tremendous life experiences, and I don't control of the special solution of the special solution." I'm in the springtime of my third adulthood—and I'm not done yet."

The evening was capped by a kittled balgapier "Javing" "Aud Lang Syne, "while Dolan joined her family in singing, clapping and smiling along.



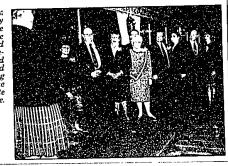






Chat time: Farmington Schools Trustee Cathy Webb, Dolan and Botsford Hospital President Gerson Cooper share some conversation with Jan Dolan. Webb, who was backed by Dolan, ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination in the 47th Dis-trict state House primary.

Klit kama:
Dolan's family
tune in to the
bagful of pipe
music played
during the ceremiony. The kilted
bagpiper played
"Auld Lang
Syne" for the Syne" for the outgoing state representative.



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