



Delegates Pass Resolutions Honoring A. Michael Mullane

Delegate after delegate rose in support of Resolutions 32A and 32B honoring the late 3rd District Vice President A. Michael Mullane. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Resolution 32A bestows Mullane, who passed away on January 1, 2016, with the title of Vice President Emeritus.

In 1969, Mullane joined the Boston Fire Department where he worked alongside his older brother, Neal, on Engine 21 and was a member of Local 718. Five years later, he was elected to his first union office, Legislative Agent. Later, he served as Local 718 president. In 1984, he was elected IAFF 3rd District Vice President, a position he kept for 32-years until his passing.

His candid, boisterous personality and his leadership were legendary.

Local 718 President Richie Paris said, “Mike loved this job. He loved his local, the 3rd District and the IAFF. He always told me, ‘Every union, small or big, we are all the same. But most importantly, take care of the families. They are very important.’”

14th District Vice President Danny Todd, who called Mullane his best friend, said, “Our Executive Board and leadership respected Mike. He was the Pope of Florian Hall.”

Former Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts President Bob McCarthy said, “Mike Mullane was the most compassionate, committed person I ever met. Mike Mullane was a class act all the way.”

His nephews, Local 718 member Neal Mullane Jr. and Massachusetts Port Authority Fire Fighters Local S-2 member Arthur Miner Jr. also rose to talk about how their uncle will be forever missed.

Mullane Jr. said, “When they closed 22 fire stations overnight, Mike stepped up, and ran for president of the local. He looked every guy in the eye and promised them that he’d get their job back and he did.”

Before final passage of the amendment, General President Harold Schaitberger said, “It’s always been said that everyone is replaceable, but Mullane can never be replaced.”

Resolution 32B, calling for the IAFF Political Training Academies in the United States and Canada to be renamed the A. Michael Mullane Political Training Academy, also passed with several delegates speaking in favor of the resolution.