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The Honourable Claudette Tardif

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INQUIRY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. Claudette Tardif (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) rose pursuant to notice earlier this day:

That she will call the attention to the Senate for the purposes of paying tribute to the Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell in recognition of her outstanding career as a member of the Senate of Canada and for her many contributions and service to Canadians.

She said: Honourable senators, I am pleased to initiate this inquiry in order to provide the opportunity to my colleagues who did not get the chance earlier today to pay tribute to Senator Trenholme Counsell.

Personally, senator, I would like to add my warmest wishes to those of my colleagues on your well-deserved retirement from the Senate of Canada. I have long admired your courage and resiliency throughout your extraordinary career in both politics

and medicine. You have been a strong advocate and a source of inspiration to all Canadians, especially for women and children.

Most of all, I wish to thank you for your continuous support of issues relating to post-secondary education and linguistic rights in Canada. I am grateful for the numerous times you have courageously defended these important issues in the chamber and in committee hearings.

[Translation]

As a Franco-Albertan, I would like to express my appreciation for your openness towards francophones during your time in the Senate. Your keen interest in understanding and supporting the challenges faced by minority francophone communities has touched me immensely. I have truly appreciated your determination to speak French whenever we met. Sadly, the Senate has lost an extraordinary francophile.

[English]

It has been a real honour and a privilege to serve in this institution with you. My very best wishes; you will be sorely missed. Au revoir.
