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THE HONOURABLE PIERRE DE BANÉ, P.C.

Hon. Claudette Tardif (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):
Honourable senators, I am pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to our colleague, Senator Pierre De Bané.

I would like to focus on your long and extraordinary parliamentary career: 45 years of public life. Your significant contribution to our country, to Canadian citizens and to the Liberal Party of Canada is widely acknowledged and, I must say, very inspiring. The Senate has benefited greatly from your experience, your wisdom and your extensive knowledge. Your

dedication to spreading values of peace and justice has helped strengthen democracy in our society and our parliamentary institutions.

Personally, I deeply appreciate your sincere support for and your meaningful contributions to Canada's linguistic duality and the language rights of francophones in minority communities. I was especially touched by your commitment, perseverance, energy and passion as a member of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages. You deserve our gratitude for helping to move Canada's linguistic duality forward.

I would like to pay tribute to your many achievements both nationally and internationally, and I wish you a very happy retirement with your wife, Elisabeth, your family and your many friends.
