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TRIBUTE TO EDWARD B. GARONE

Mrs. SHAHEEN: Mr. President, I come to the floor to pay tribute to Edward B. Garone, a long-time law enforcement official in the Granite State. There are many reasons to salute Ed Garone, including an incredible 50 years as Police Chief of the Derry, NH Police Department and an extensive record of local involvement. I join Chief Garone's colleagues and countless friends in thanking him for his tireless work and recognizing the qualities behind his many contributions and accomplishments: a humble desire to serve others and strengthen his community.

After a three-year tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps, Chief Garone began his law enforcement career as a police officer in the Lebanon, NH Police Department. He would serve the City of Lebanon for seven-and-a-half years, rising to the rank of Captain, before accepting an offer in 1972 to become the Chief of Police in Derry, New Hampshire. At 29 years old, he moved with his young family—wife Blanche and children Vicky and Michael—to southern New Hampshire and planted roots in a community he would serve for the next five decades. A local newspaper noted at the time that he was “an experienced officer with a lot of skill.”

Chief Garone would tap into these skills to guide the Town of Derry through a variety of law enforcement challenges. He also managed considerable growth within his department and witnessed significant development in the community it serves. Derry's population has nearly tripled since the 1970s, and its police department expanded from roughly 20 full-time officers in 1972 to over 70 full-time and part-time personnel today. Chief Garone is their strongest advocate, always making sure his officers have the most current and effective equipment, technology and training. He's also their loudest champion, and he's quick to deflect any compliment or praise toward his officers who share his belief of ‘service above self.’

Chief Garone is a well-respected figure and sought-after voice in New Hampshire's law enforcement community. He has been on the Board of Directors of the

Regional Information Sharing Systems—New England State Police Information Network for 17 years. He remains an active, 50-year member of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police and has served as its Secretary for the past 32 years. So many of his fellow officers across the Granite State—from the longest-serving chief to the newly-sworn-in patrol officer—look to Chief Garone for guidance, for leadership and for encouragement as they work to keep our communities safe.

Chief Garone's service goes beyond all he has given and all he has accomplished at the Derry Police Department. He is involved in a number of community and charitable organizations. Chief Garone is a 45-year member of the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors and a Past President of the Club. He is currently the longest-serving member and former President of the Derry Rotary Club. He has led the Viviana Leon Memorial Foundation, a charitable foundation that provides funds each year to local groups. He is the current Director of the Derry Veterans Assistance Fund, a non-profit that seeks to improve the quality of life for local veterans. Chief Garone also serves on the Board of Directors for the Alexander Eastman Foundation and the Seacoast Child Advocacy Center. He even lends his time and expertise to the Public Safety Commission of his hometown of Bradford, Vermont.

Exhaustive research conducted by his colleagues concluded that Edward Garone is the longest serving full-time Chief of Police in the history of New Hampshire and quite possibly the entire country. This distinction is a testament to Ed's unwavering commitment to bettering his community and helping others. The Granite State and the many communities he has served are grateful for Chief Garone's many contributions and acts of selfless service. In the coming month, friends and fellow officers will gather to salute Ed and thank him for all that he has given to the Town of Derry and the State of New Hampshire. I am with them in spirit as they honor this good and generous man.