Message regarding the passing of Hon. Dr. John C. Crosbie, P.C., O.C., O.N.L., Q.C

Her Honour, the Honourable Judy M. Foote, P.C., O.N.L., Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, and His Honour, Howard W. Foote, join Newfoundlanders and Labradors in expressing condolences to Mrs. Jane Furneaux Crosbie, and all members of the Crosbie family, following the passing of the Honourable Dr. John C. Crosbie, P.C., O.C., O.N.L., Q.C days before his 89th birthday.

Mr. Crosbie, the 12th Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, was a lawyer, a politician, and an author. His long and dedicated career in public service began at the municipal level as a St. John’s City Councillor before serving as a Member of the House of Assembly from 1966 to 1976, and a Member of Parliament from 1976 to 1993. Mr. Crosbie’s public service continued from 1994 to 2008 when he served as Chancellor of Memorial University. In recognition of his commitment and dedication to public service, in 1984 Mr. Crosbie was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from his alma mater, Dalhousie University.

Mr. Crosbie will be remembered for the deep-rooted passion and firm conviction he exhibited throughout his career serving the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada. During his political career he was entrusted with several provincial and federal Ministerial responsibilities. It would be hard to find anyone in our province or country who has not heard of John Crosbie. His love of debate and his sense of humor, made him a household name.

In 2008 he was invested as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. During his term of office his pride in Newfoundland and Labrador was always visible and especially so when, in November 2009, he proudly showcased the province’s history and culture on the occasion of a Royal Visit to Newfoundland and Labrador by their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Mr. Crosbie received various honors in recognition of his commitment to public service including the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal, Golden Jubilee Medal, and Diamond Jubilee Medal.

He will be remembered for the passion and enthusiasm he had for all things associated with Newfoundland and Labrador and the resolute pride he had in his home province.

May he rest in peace.