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**Lt. Governor Gray, Governor Scott, and Legislators Honor Senator Leahy on the House Floor**

**Montpelier, Vt.** — This afternoon, Lt. Governor Molly Gray, Governor Phil Scott, and legislators honored Senator Patrick Leahy and his wife Marcelle on the House floor, in his hometown of Montpelier, for his career of public service.

“Raised across the street from where we stand and serve today – Senator Leahy and Marcelle have taken to the world stage without ever losing sight of this special place we call home or the people we serve,” Lt. Governor Gray said, “Whether you are walking down State Street or hiking up Camel’s Hump – you can’t travel this state without meeting a Vermonter whose life has been positively impacted by Senator Leahy, whose service includes small acts of kindness, and giant acts of leadership.”

In November 2021, Senator Leahy announced he would not seek re-election in 2022. The Senator has served in the U.S. Senate since 1975, where he currently serves as President pro tempore and Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Prior to being elected to the Senate, he served as State’s Attorney for Chittenden County from 1966 to 1975.

“Over the last five decades, when at times our nation’s moral compass has wavered, he has remained steadfast, serving as a north star for the nation. He voted against the Iraq War. He worked to protect American civil liberties after 9/11, he has been a global leader on human rights, humanitarian assistance, and the campaign to ban landmines,” Lt. Governor Gray said.

“His leadership in the Senate helped enact the Violence Against Women Act, and the Farm to School Act which provides millions of Vermont and American children with nutritious meals each day,” the Lt. Governor said, “His legislative leadership has made it possible to permanently conserve countless family farms through the land trust, expand the Green Mountain National Forest by thousands of acres, and introduce the nation to Vermont’s “great lake” Lake Champlain.”

“He has been there when we needed him the most, in the long shadow of 9/11, in the wake of Hurricane and Tropical Storm Irene and in response to this ongoing global pandemic, with unprecedented funding for our state and this legislature to restart Vermont’s economy. My fellow Vermonters, where would we be without a Small-State-Minimum? Where would we be without \$2.7 billion dollars in federal funding? Where would we be without Senator Leahy? Senator, thank you,” Lt. Governor Gray said.

Today’s recognition was a surprise celebration and as the legislature enters the final weeks of its session, it was one of the last opportunities for elected leaders to honor Senator Leahy and his service while lawmakers are at work in the State House.



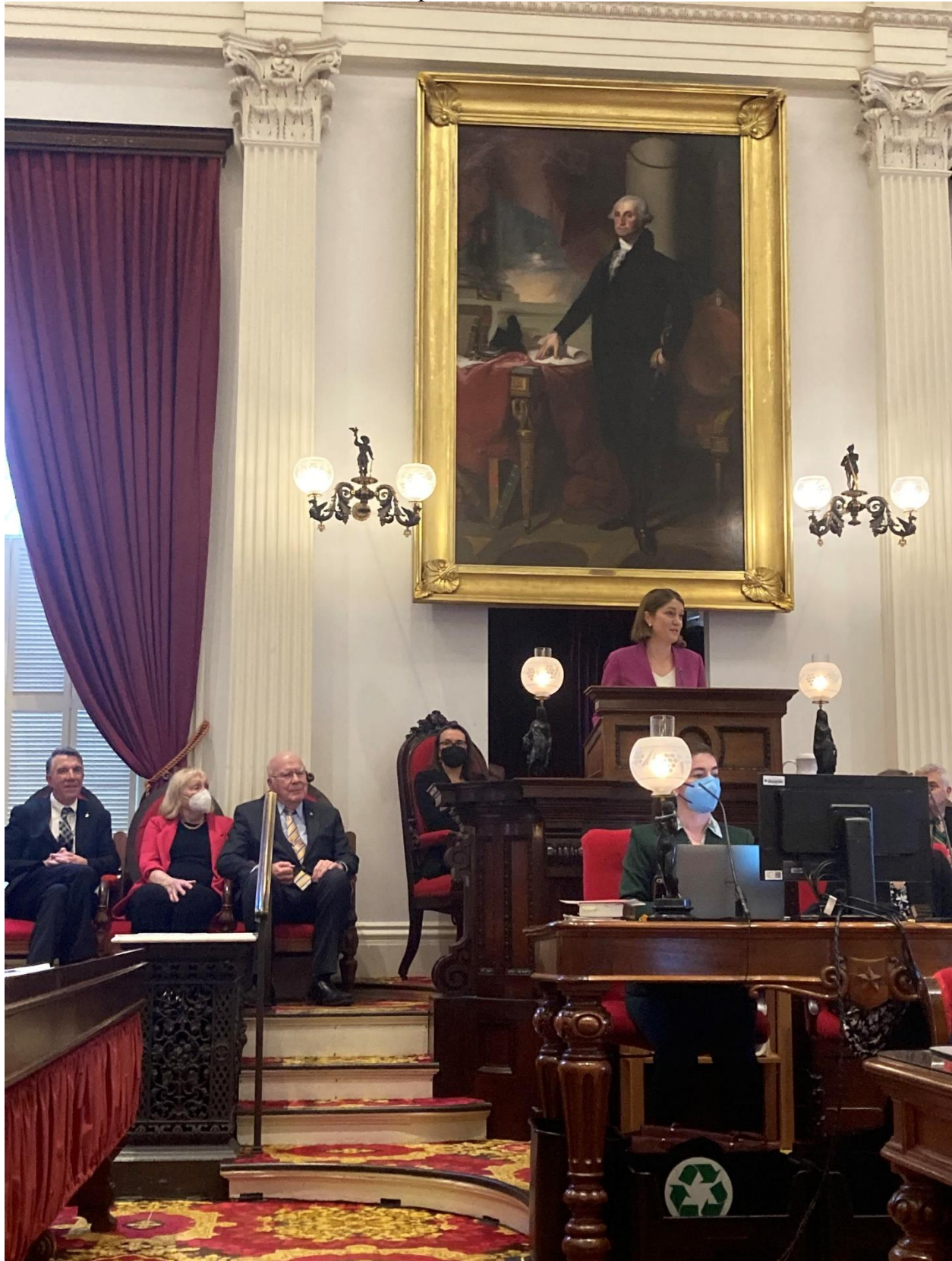


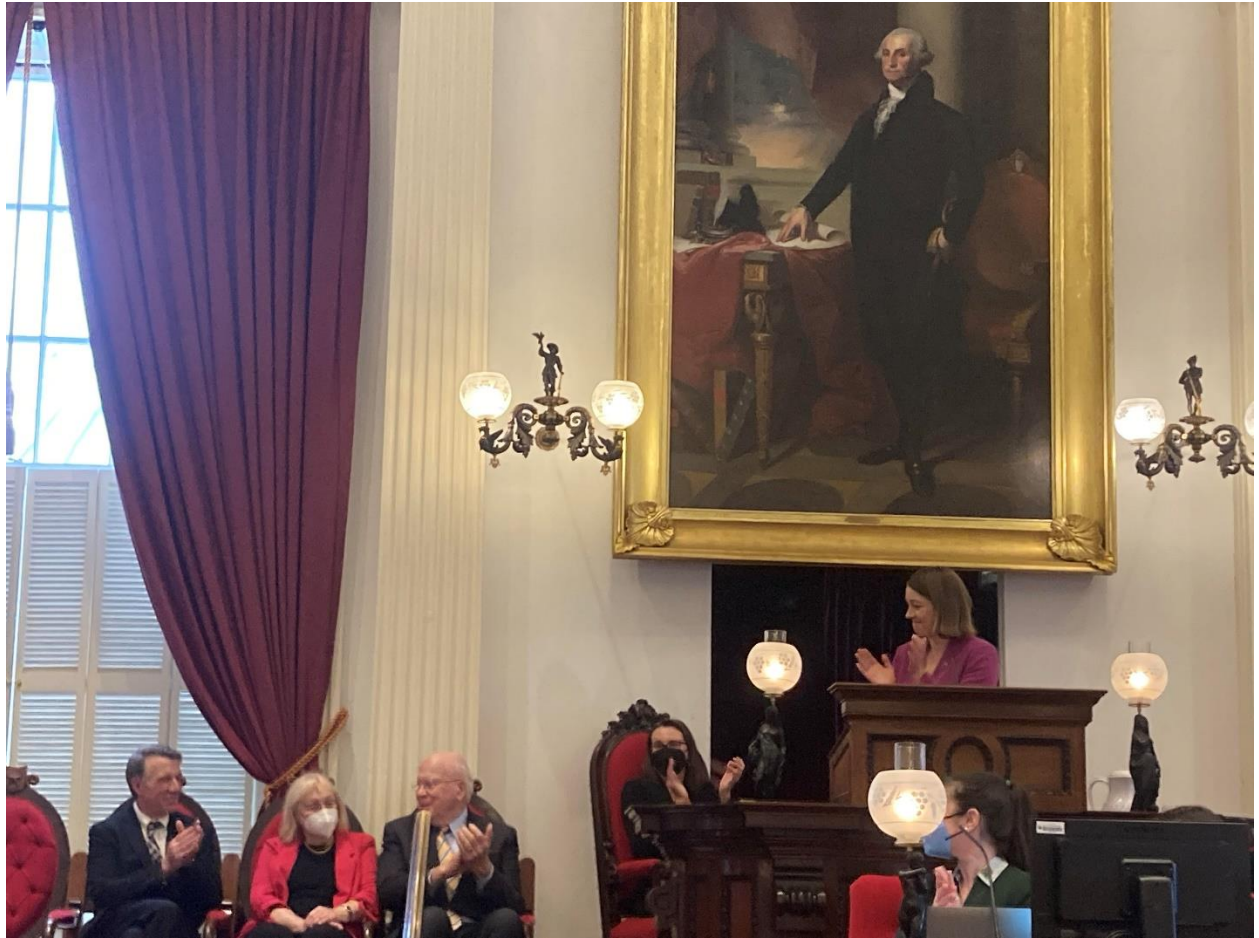
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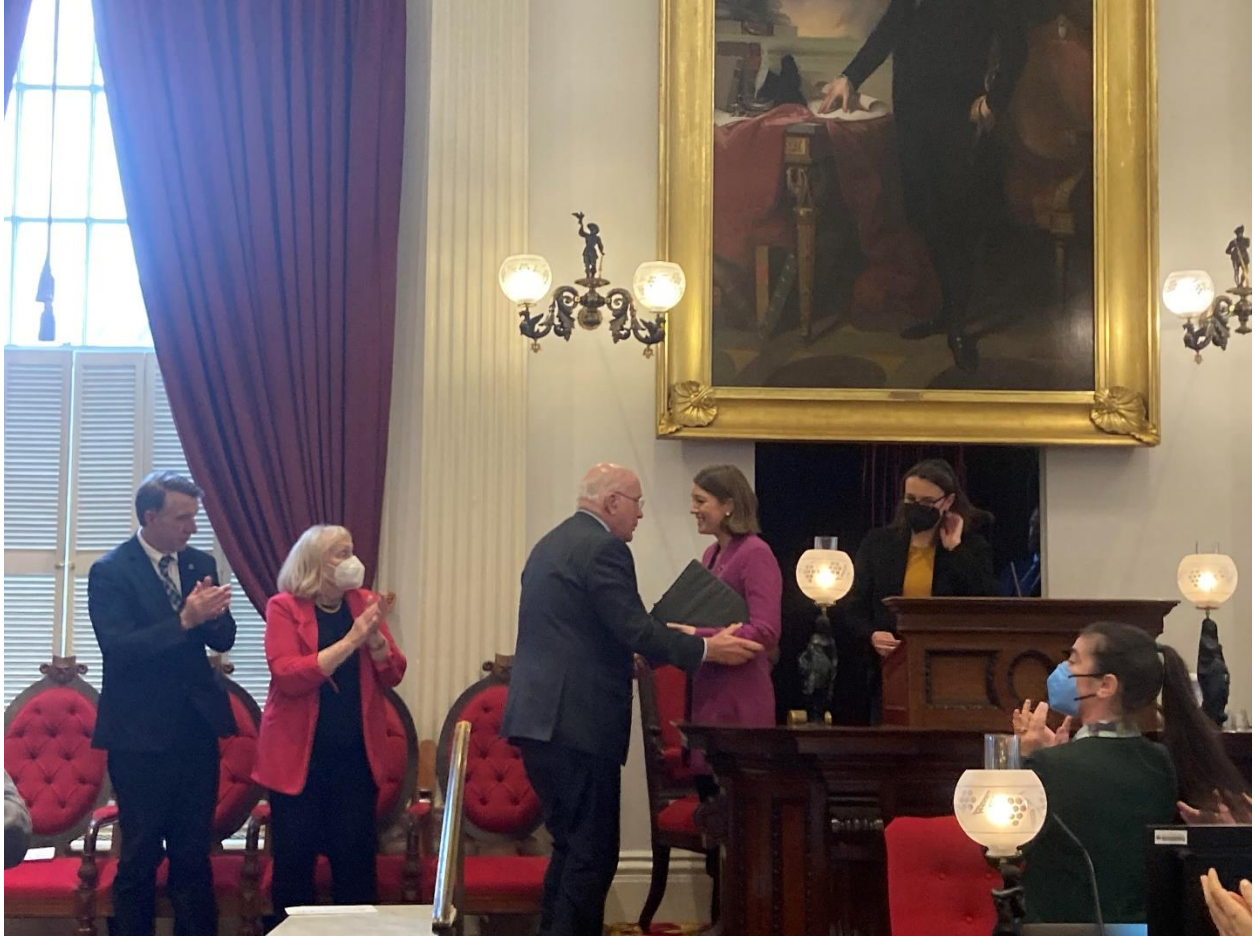


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