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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne: Statement on the Passing of Former Mayor Marie Herbst

(Vernon, CT) – *“Today, the Town of Vernon mourns the loss of a dedicated resident, volunteer and champion for Vernon,”* said Mayor Daniel A. Champagne. *“It is with deep sadness that I share news of the passing of Marie Herbst, former state senator and the town of Vernon’s first female mayor, who passed away late last week,”* he continued.

“Marie was a dedicated public servant who amassed nearly fifty years of volunteer service to the Town of Vernon,” Champagne said. *“Marie served at virtually every level of our community,”* he added, *“there are literally pages of town records that attest to her service.”*

“Marie’s local volunteering began in the summer of 1965 when she was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission and twenty years later,” said Champagne, *“she became Vernon’s first female Mayor. Over the years she also served as a long-standing member of the Town Council, as well as the Capital Improvements Committee, Board of Education, Budget Committee, Personnel sub-committee, a member of the East of the River Tourist Convention District, Flood and Erosion Control Board, the Public Safety Task Force, and a member of community groups such as the Rockville Downtown Association, the Youth Studies and Activities Center and the Rockville Community Alliance.”* Champagne added.

“As a Connecticut State Senator, she represented Vernon well, in addition to the other towns she served in the 35th Senate District,” Champagne said. *“No one will ever really know the countless number of hours Marie gave in service to Vernon, but I do know that her legacy will make an impact for many years to come.”*

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