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Morse sworn in as new Senate President

CONCORD, NH - Senator Chuck Morse, R-Salem, was sworn in today as the 128th President of the New Hampshire state Senate. Morse received the backing of his colleagues during a session called specifically to replace Peter Bragdon, who resigned his Senate President's post, but remains a senator from District 11.

In remarks to his colleagues after taking the oath of office, Morse said: "I am humbled and will be forever grateful for the faith you have placed in me to lead this distinguished body...The people of New Hampshire look to their elected leaders to do what is right and to make tough decisions so that they and their families can live happy, healthy, and productive lives. As President, it is my intention to see that we live up to those expectations."

Note:

Due to the fact New Hampshire does not elect a lieutenant governor, the Senate President also serves as "acting governor" whenever the governor is out of state or otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office.

Senator Morse's biography:

Charles "Chuck" Morse is a Republican from Salem serving his fourth term representing District 22, which includes the communities of Atkinson, Pelham, Plaistow and Salem. He was re-elected to the Senate in 2010 and 2012, having previously served from 2002-2006. He has chaired the Finance Committee during three budgets, was Vice Chairman of Transportation and has served on both the Capital Budget and the Public Affairs committees.

Prior to the Senate, Morse served two terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, representing Salem and Windham. In 2006, he was the Republican nominee for Executive Council for the state's Third District. The senator has also served his hometown of Salem as both town moderator and selectman.

In 1997, he received the Bill Brown Distinguished Business Person of the Year Award, and in 1994, received the Richard P. McCoy Award from the Salem Boys and Girls Club. He also received the prestigious John P. Ganley Award in recognition of his service to the community and for his support of the Salem Boys and Girls Club.

Away from the State house, Sen. Morse is President of Freshwater Farms & Garden Center in Atkinson and Granite Creek Farms of Brentwood. He earned his B.S. degree from Plymouth State University. Chuck lives in Salem with his wife, Susan, and their daughter Emma.

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