To: The University of Vermont Campus Community

From: Tom Sullivan, President

Re: Senator James M. Jeffords

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Senator James M. Jeffords, one of Vermont’s foremost public servants. Senator Jeffords loyally served this state for 40 years, beginning with his campaign for the State Senate in 1966 and concluding with his retirement from the United States Senate in 2006.

Senator Jeffords had a special relationship with the University of Vermont. He leaves behind a rich legacy of generosity and support from which we all benefit. He was responsible for years of federally directed funds that made many UVM endeavors possible. He was dedicated to issues of education, the environment, and agriculture, and he helped the University to pursue research in those critical areas. We remember his work through the UVM Transportation Research Center, The James M. Jeffords Center for Policy Research, and for countless other projects in schools and colleges across the University. We can visually remember his contributions to UVM as we work and learn in the state of the art James M. Jeffords Hall on central campus. This building, that bears his name, has supported students and faculty in furthering critical agricultural education and research, for which he was infinitely proud. Finally, we should recognize Senator Jeffords’ dedication to the University’s land grant mission. He truly grasped that the University exists in order to translate knowledge, research, and discoveries into practical solutions for society’s challenges and supported us in that effort for many years. We are indebted to his kindness and fortunate to gain the benefits of his legacy throughout the University.

Our condolences go out to the Jeffords family, to his many friends across this institution, throughout the state of Vermont, and nationally. Please join me in celebrating his life and his lasting contributions to the University of Vermont.