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Statement from Chairman Pacheco on the Passing of Governor J. Joseph Garrahy

Providence – Rhode Island Democratic Party Chairman Ed Pacheco issued the following statement on the passing of Governor J. Joseph Garrahy:

“My heartfelt condolences go out to the Garrahy family. As Rhode Islanders, we mourn the loss of our 69th governor - an icon in the State of Rhode Island, a true and dedicated public servant. A state senator, deputy majority leader, lieutenant governor, governor and Democratic Party chairman, Garrahy’s stewardship serves as a model and his leadership had a tremendous impact on our state.

The younger generations, like me, only remember him for guiding Rhode Islanders through the Blizzard of '78, but that steadfast, compassionate leadership was emblematic of the confident strength that he delivered to Rhode Islanders for decades. Governor Garrahy was and shall remain part of the fabric of the Ocean State.”