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## After 29 Years of Service, Senator Darrington Will Not Seek Re-Election

Boise, Idaho— Serving in his 30<sup>th</sup> year in the Idaho Senate, Senator Denton Darrington has announced that he will not seek re-election in 2012.

Senator Darrington was first elected to the Idaho Senate in 1982 and is the longest-serving senator in Idaho history. He currently represents District 27.

"I would like to thank my constituents who have so generously supported me in the State Senate. During my tenure, I have represented Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome, Oneida, and Power Counties, and parts of Bingham and Twin Falls Counties, in Districts 26, 24, 25, and 27," Darrington recalled. "My wife and I have long considered the appropriate time for me to retire from the Senate. That time is now."

After redistricting, Senator Darrington would be placed in the new District 27, which combines Minidoka and Cassia Counties into one legislative district. This would put him in a race against incumbent Senator Dean Cameron of Rupert, who also lives within the new District 27. "My closest friend and colleague in the Senate, Senator Cameron, is Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Mini-Cassia cannot afford to lose him in that position," said Darrington.

Senator Darrington has been an important and dedicated leader on public safety and judicial issues as a longtime member and current Chairman of the Senate's Judiciary and Rules Committee.

"I shall continue to carry out my duties in the Senate until November 30<sup>th</sup> when my term will end. I will also continue my work on the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council, the State Historical Records Advisory Board, and my involvement with the Board of Juvenile Corrections and the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission."

"I have always sought to work hard for my constituents and the great state of Idaho," concluded Darrington. "The Senate is a wonderful institution in which to serve and I am honored and privileged to have had this opportunity."

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