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Senator Gobi Recognizes Doug ‘Danger’ Senecal in Senate Chamber

Daredevil and Motivational Speaker Broke Evel Knievel’s World Record Motorcycle Jump

BOSTON – **State Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** recognized Doug ‘Danger’ Senecal today during Formal Senate Session. Mr. Senecal, a resident of Senator Gobi’s district, is most well-known for his world record breaking motorcycle jump of 22 cars on the late Evel Knievel’s 1972 Harley Motorcycle.

When he is not looking for new records to break, Doug spends much of his time delivering anti-drug speeches to youth, and motivating them to follow their dreams. He touched on these points in his remarks to the Senate membership.

"It was great to be able to publically congratulate Doug not just for his motorcycle skills but also to thank him for being a positive role model for students as he visits area schools," said Senator Gobi.

At the age of 12, Doug got his first dirt bike and at 17 completed his first professional jump. Since then he has gone on to break local records, world records, and achieve the Triple Crown of Motorcycle Jumping. In August 2015 he broke the world record formerly held by his friend and mentor, Evel Knievel, by jumping 22 cars on Knievel’s 1972 Harley-Davidson XR750. The record was submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records in both Evel and Doug’s name as a tribute to the legendary daredevil.

Doug's speaking career began when his promoter needed to fill time and asked Doug to speak to the crowd about his encounter with Evel Knievel and his decision to never use drugs. The response from adults and teens after the speech inspired Doug to pursue public speaking.

Doug has spent a month in a coma after a devastating crash, re-learned how to walk after another, and overcome stage IV cancer. He cites overcoming these obstacles as the inspiration for his message: "don't just live; thrive."

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