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Gowda takes oath in Kannada

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Bengaluru: Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda on Sunday reiterated the stance of his party by taking oath as a member of Rajya Sabha in Kannada.

Having been elected unanimously earlier this year, 87-year-old Gowda was a three-time Lok Sabha MP before losing the 2019 general elections. Considering him as the apt consensus candidate, JD(S) and Congress elected him.

On Sunday, Gowda was sworn in as the newest MP and lauded by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu as a "good addition".

Using it as an opportunity to affirm his party's stance of invoking Kannada pride, which was first propagated by his son and former



LONG-STANDING PRESENCE: MPs Jaya Bachchan (L), Jyotiraditya Scindia (C) with former PM HD Deve Gowda during the monsoon session of Parliament in New Delhi on Sunday

chief minister HD Kumaraswamy while backing DMK MP Kanimozhi in the Hindi controversy, Gowda chose to take oath in Kannada.