

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott issued the following statement today on the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy:

"Today our nation has lost one of its greatest public servants. Throughout his more than four decades in the United States Senate, Senator Kennedy was a champion for the American people. His legislative legacy includes the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Early Head Start Program, the State Children's Health Insurance Program and raising the federal minimum wage for millions of American workers.

"Last year, in spite of his personal health challenges, Senator Kennedy worked tirelessly to elect Barack Obama our nation's 44th President, because he felt President Obama embodied the same spirit, hopes and dreams that the Kennedys have represented for over a generation. His absence on Capitol Hill will be especially felt as Congress and President Obama work towards one of his most important life goals - providing affordable access to health care for all Americans. I offer my condolences to Senator Kennedy's wife Vicki, my friend and colleague Congressman Patrick Kennedy and the entire Kennedy family."

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