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## **United States Senator Edward J. Markey to Address Quincy College Commencement** *Saturday, May 31, at 1:00 pm at the Quincy Marriott in Quincy, MA*

**Quincy, MA (5/29/14)** – United States Senator for Massachusetts Edward J. Markey will address the Quincy College spring commencement on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at 1:00 pm at the Quincy Marriott in Quincy, MA. In addition, student speakers David Hawkins, from the Plymouth campus, and Tonya Hendrick-George, from the Quincy campus, will address their fellow graduates. The Star-Spangled Banner will be performed by Beverly Wooten, class of 2014. Over 450 students will receive associate degrees in arts (AA) or sciences (AS), or certificates from the College. Peter H. Tsaffaras, J.D., President of Quincy College, says “it is my firm belief that education is the passport that allows one to travel through and navigate our society. I am proud to say that our graduates have earned their passport.”

The Honorable Edward J. Markey was born in Malden, Massachusetts, on July 11, 1946. He graduated with his B.A. from Boston College in 1968 and earned his J.D. at Boston College Law School in 1972. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was elected to the Massachusetts State House where he served two terms representing Malden and Melrose. Following his election to the U.S. House of Representatives Ed Markey served for 37 years, including several years as Dean of the Massachusetts delegation, in the House.

In a special election held in June 2013, Ed Markey was elected to the U.S. Senate where he is bringing his unparalleled experience, energy and expertise to his new role of Senator. Creating jobs, strengthening our economy, defending our environment, combating climate change, protecting public health and standing up for consumers and seniors are among Senator Markey's top priorities.

As a consumer champion and national leader on energy, environmental protection and telecommunications policy, Senator Markey, has a prolific legislative record on major issues across the policy spectrum and a deep commitment to improving the lives of the people of Massachusetts and our country.

He has consistently fought to create new jobs in American clean energy and champion against rising gas prices and foreign oil. He is the principal House author of the 2007 fuel economy law, which will increase fuel economy standards to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, the first increase in a generation.

Senator Markey authored the law that established the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, ensuring that New England families won't be left out in the cold when oil prices spike. And he is the author of the revolutionary law that required electricity regulators to open up the wholesale electric power market for the first time.

A member of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Senator Markey is a national leader on telecommunications policy, technology and privacy. In the House, he served for 20 years as Chair or Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, where he fostered the growth of new information technologies and was the principal author of many of the laws now governing our nation's telephone, broadcasting, cable television, wireless, and broadband communications systems.

He is the author of some of the most important Wall Street reform laws since the Great Depression, including statutes that strengthened penalties against insider trading, improved federal oversight over the stock and futures markets, and reformed regulation of the government securities market.

Competition remains Senator Markey's economic mantra—in his words, “ruthless Darwinian competition that would bring a smile to Adam Smith.” He has been instrumental in breaking up anti-consumer, anti-innovative monopolies in electricity, long-distance and local telephone service, cable television, and international satellite services and his pro-competition policies have directly benefited job creation in Massachusetts and throughout the country.

While in the House, Congressman Markey introduced the Internet Freedom Preservation Act, the first net neutrality bill introduced in Congress, to ensure that as the Internet continues to evolve, it remains a level playing field guided by the principles of openness, competition and innovation.

He also has been a key leader on providing privacy protections for personal information such as medical records, financial records, and on-line purchases. He has championed strengthening privacy protections for children and is the House author of the Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA), the primary law that safeguards children's privacy online.

From 2003 to 2009 in the House of Representatives, Senator Markey also served as a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee. In that capacity, he focused on closing gaps in our homeland defenses, particularly in the areas of nuclear, aviation, maritime, liquefied natural gas and chemical security. In the wake of the 9-11 attacks, he authored the first-ever mandate in the law that 100% of cargo on passenger planes is screened, and 100% of all maritime cargo is scanned before entering America's ports.

In 2009, Congressman Markey was the co-author of the landmark Waxman-Markey bill, the only comprehensive climate legislation ever to pass a chamber of Congress. It gave hope to the world that the United States was serious about addressing climate change and helped America effectively negotiate with the international community.

Senator Markey also was the leader of the national Nuclear Freeze movement and has been a Congressional champion on nuclear nonproliferation. He fought to tighten controls on global trafficking in nuclear technology and as founder of the Nonproliferation Caucus, Senator Markey continues to spearhead efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to safeguard the future for generations to come.

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## ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE

*Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 31 associate degree programs and 15 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world.*

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